GINGA LEGEND

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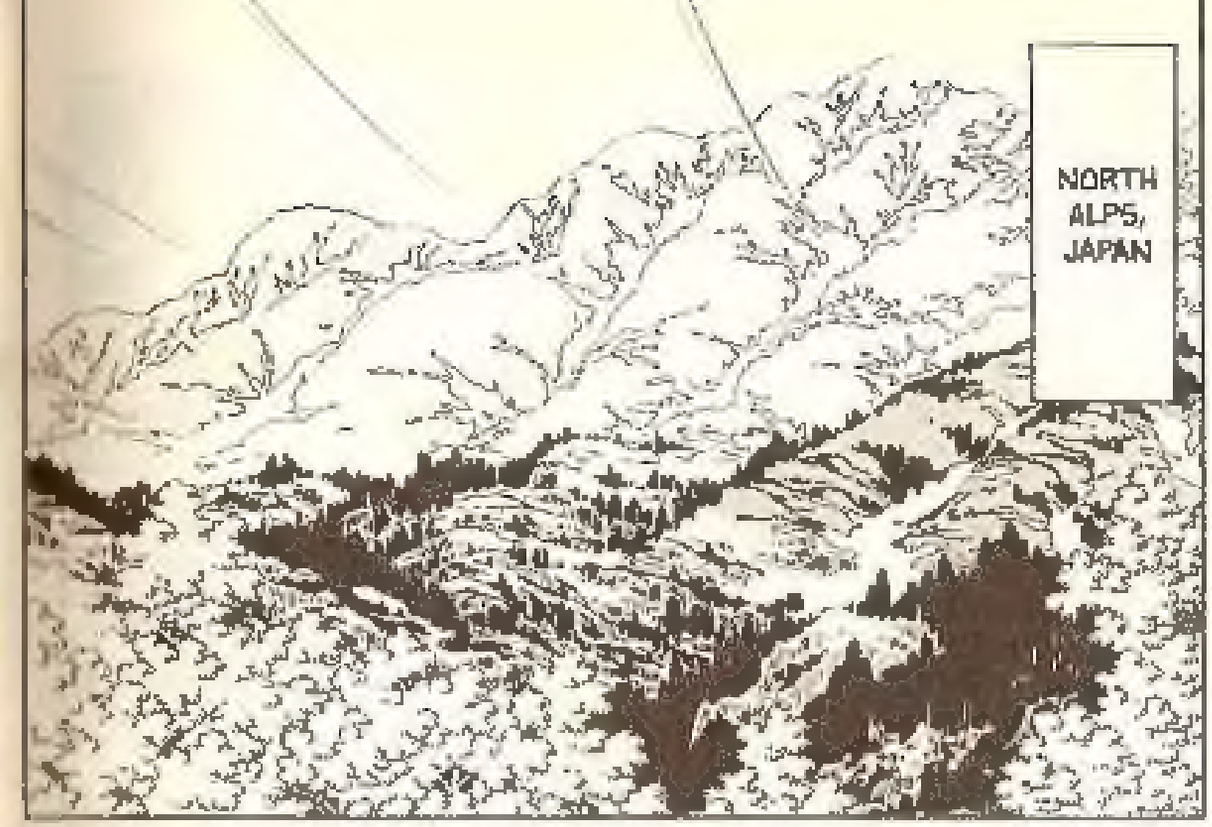

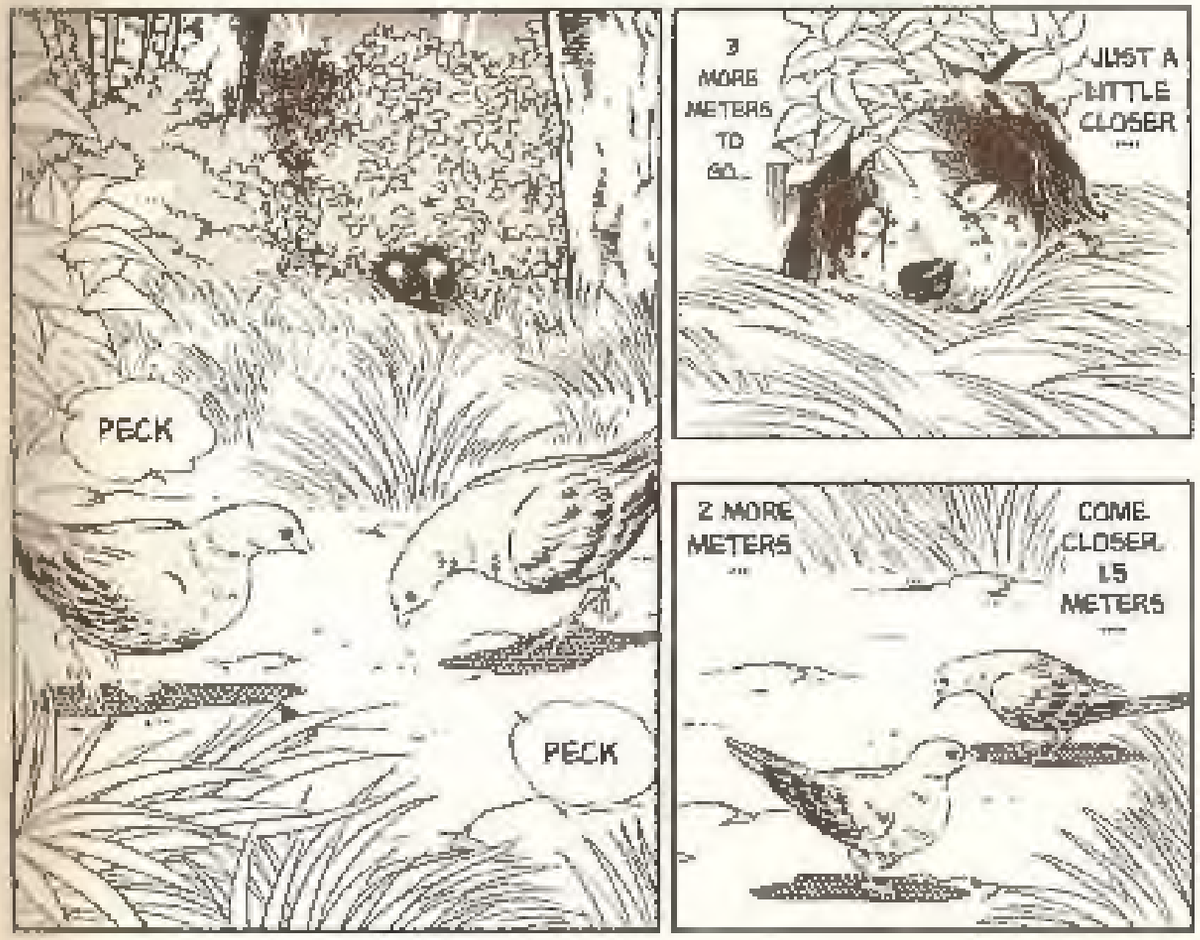

HUH?!

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STOP! WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU FOOL!

QUACK!

QUACK!

FLAP

FLAP

....

!?

BLAST IT!

YEE!

CRUNCH

PRELUDE --
THE JOURNEY BEGINS

FLOOP

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU LITTLE BRAT?

THIS IS MY KILL!

GIVE IT BACK!

THAT'S MINE!

WHAT?!

ARE YOU CRAZY? I SAID, IT'S MINE!

SHOVE

KICK

YOU CHEATED!

YOU ONLY CAUGHT IT 'CAUSE I CHASED THEM OUT OF THE BUSH!!

JUMP

STOP IT...

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

I'VE HAD ALL I CAN STAND OF YOU, PUP!

BIG

!!

TIME FOR YOUR LESSON, BRAT!!

FIRST, DON'T FIGHT ANYONE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN YOU!!

WOOF!

THUMP

!!

AH!

GRRR

ACK!

SNATCH

YOU LITTLE BRAT!

BITE

THAT'S IT! NO MORE KID STUFF!

NO! THIS IS MINE...

I WON'T LET IT GO!!

IF I WERE A LITTLE BIGGER, I-- I--I'D...

I'M SORRY, MOTHER.

I DON'T THINK I'LL MAKE IT BACK.....

SHUT UP AND TAKE YOUR MEDICINE!

UGH!

WHAT!? YOU'RE NOT ALONE?

.....

DROP

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MOTHER?"

WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER?

SHE'S ILL!

SHE CAN'T MOVE! SHE'S HAD NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK FOR DAYS.

IT STILL DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE MY KILL.

WHAT YOU JUST DID IS CALLED *STEALING.*

TAKE IT AND HURRY UP.

BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND ...

THANK YOU, MISTER ...

WAIT! BEFORE YOU GO.

GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN QUICKLY. THIS IS NERO'S TERRITORY.

HE DOESN'T CARE IF YOU'RE A WOMAN OR A CHILD--HE'LL KILL YOU...

OKAY ...

GB....

GB THE ENGLISH SETTER!

HEY, WAIT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER?

GB - OKAY, I'LL REMEMBER IT!

THANK YOU, GB.

HEY LITTLE BRAT!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HUH... SUCH A HURRY. A STRAY DOG DOWN TO THE BONE.

HE PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A NAME.

GB, WHERE THE DEVIL ARE YOU?!

GET YOUR FILTHY HIDE BACK HERE!

RATS, IT'S NERO.

HE'S SUCH A PAIN...

DID YOU CALL ME?

DASH

COMING!!

WHY DID YOU ASK, 'DID I CALL YOU?' YOU FOOL!?

SUCH INSOLENCE!

DASH

SHOW SOME RESPECT WHEN YOU ANSWER ME!

I'M SORRY.

HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE, SIR?

UHH ....

YOU WORTHLESS SCUM! THE SUN'S GOING DOWN AND YOU'RE STILL EMPTY-HANDED!

IF YOU DON'T BRING ME FLESH BEFORE SUNSET, I'LL MAKE YOU THE KILL OF THE DAY!

Y-YES, SIR...

I'D BETTER GET GOING NOW.

HUH!? WHAT'S THAT!?

I SMELL SOMETHING ODD....

SNIFF SNIFF

INDEED! WHERE'S IT COMING FROM!?

ANOTHER DOG...

Phoot

OOPS/

UGGHH/, IT WAS YOU/

DANG IT, GB/

YOU AT LEAST COULD'VE BEEN DOWN-WIND.

I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL WHEN NATURE CALLS/

HUH/?

FLAP FLAP

CAW CAW CAW

IT'S IN THE DIRECTION OF OKEGA-HARA

IT SEEMS THE CROWS HAVE FOUND A KILL.

GB, GO GET IT/

THAT'S YOUR JOB.

WHA?

DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD/ GO/

WE CAN'T SIT HERE KNOWING THE CROWS WILL GET IT FIRST/

AND DON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED/

YES, YES.

WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?

JERKS...

!!

CURSE YOU, CROWS...!

GYA! GYA!

FLAP snap FLAP

GET AWAY FROM US!!

IT'S THAT LITTLE BRAT!

COULD IT BE HIS MOTHER IS DEAD

WHAT'S THAT?

CAW CAW

FLAP FLAP

FLAP FLAP

HEY - THAT'S MINE, DARN IT!

GIVE IT BACK,

GIVE IT BACK, THIEF!

GYAAA!

THUD

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

THE CROWS WILL TAKE YOUR PRECIOUS KILL AWAY FROM YOU!

CAW CAW CAW

STAND YOUR GROUND AND THEY LEAVE YOU ALONE!

THEY'RE SO OBNOXIOUS !!

GB!!

ONE AT A TIME, THEY AREN'T A PROBLEM!!

TOGETHER, THEY'RE *MURDER!*

WHOP

GYA GYA

THEY'LL RIP YOU TO PIECES!

THEY KNOW HOW WEAK AND HELPLESS YOU ARE!

HE'S HELPED US AGAIN.

MOTHER... HE'S THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT.

THANK YOU, GB....

YOU'RE WELCOME. HOW'S YOUR MOTHER ?

SO, YOU'RE GBF PLEASE FORGIVE MY SON'S BRASHNESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU ENOUGH.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T TRY TO GET UP.

YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A COURAGEOUS SON.

I KNOW IT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE, BUT MAY I ASK YOU ONE MORE THING...?

YES?

IF I DIE, CAN YOU....

WHOA

LADY, I DUNNO WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND, BUT...

DON'T OVER-ESTIMATE ME. I DON'T THINK I'M WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

KAFF KOFF

MOTHER.. ARE YOU ALRIGHT? MOTHER!

PANT

...ASE, I YOU... ...MY SON ...HIS A WEA...

GIN, THE BOSS OF OHU MOUNTAINS !!

WHAT!?

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

THE BOSS OF OKUZ? YOU MEAN... THE LEGENDARY DOG WHO DEFEATED A GIANT BEAR BY GATHERING DOGS FROM ALL OVER JAPAN 10 YEARS AGO?

HE'S STILL ALIVE?

AND THIS IS THAT BOSS' SON...

BUT, WHY HERE SO FAR AWAY FROM OKUZ?

I'M SORRY

GOOD-BYE, MY SON...

PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL LISTEN TO GB.

MOM, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME!

PANT PANT

PLEASE, DON'T DIE...

PLEASE. YOU MUST LIVE...

TELL YOUR FATHER WHEN YOU MEET HIM...

GASP

GASP

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING

NO... MOTHER !!

MOTHER!

AWOOOO

DIG DIG

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...

BWA HUH

BWA HUH

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

I DON'T THINK I'M THE ONE FOR THIS JOB..

TO ME, DNL IS LIKE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD..

AND I DON'T SEE HOW I CAN GET THERE WITH THIS LITTLE PUPPY..

THIS REALLY IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

I'D BETTER THINK TWICE...

THESE DAYS, BEING NICE DOESN'T COUNT FOR ANYTHING.

DASH!

I'M NO FOOL. I'M OUTTA HERE.

WSSSHH

GB! WHAT IS IT?

GB!!

GB!!

WHERE ARE YOU? DON'T LEAVE ME OUT HERE!

.....

WAH HAH HUH

WAH HAH HUH

RUSTLE!

WHAT A FOOL I AM.... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT...

PANT

PANT

I AM SUCH A DUMB OLD DOG

BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE...

YOU'RE SO YOUNG-- AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A NAME...

GB! YOU'RE BACK.

BUT I WON'T SPOIL YOU, LITTLE GUY.

GB...

WELL, HE'LL ACT LIKE A BABY AS LONG AS I CALL HIM "LITTLE ONE"

ALL RIGHT. I'LL FIND HIM A GOOD NAME.

A REAL STRONG NAME.

SMALL BUT POWERFUL.

LET ME THINK.

ANYTHING WILL BE FINE, AS LONG AS YOU CHOOSE IT.

YOUR NAME WILL BE WEED!

WEED ...?

"WEED" MEANS WILD PLANTS

NOW YOU'RE NEVER ALONE, AND NEVER FAR FROM FRIENDS

YOU SEE? LOOK AROUND YOUR FEET. WEEDS ARE EVERY WHERE! HAHAHAHA!

GB!

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, DEEP IN THE OHU MOUNTAINS, THERE IS A UTOPIA FOR DOGS. HOWEVER, ITS EXISTENCE IS UNCERTAIN. COWARDLY BUT GOOD-NATURED GB MUSTERS UP WHAT COURAGE HE HAS, AND BEGINS THE JOURNEY TOWARDS OKUBA FOR THE SAKE OF WEED.... THEIR JOURNEY AWAY FROM THE ALPS IS FULL OF DANGER. THEY ARE JUST LIKE A SMALL BOAT SETTING TO SEA, WITHOUT COMPASS OR NAVIGATOR...

AHA. THE [illegible] IS [illegible]

IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE... AFTER I GAVE YOU 3 EXTRA DAYS!?

GET REAL...

CRAP LIKE THIS IS FOR BIRDS! WE'RE NOT CROWS!!

WHO COULD EAT THIS STUFF?

BUT... BOSS!!

PLING

YOU SENT ME TO THE SWAMP

THIS WAS ALL THERE WAS.

SHUT UP!

THE TOWN IS NOBODY'S TURF

TODAY I HAVE A CRAVING FOR SOME BIRD MEAT...

IF ... KE ... AM ... ND ... WN.

WE'LL BE PUT IN A POUND FOR SURE!

FOOL. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND BIRDS IN TOWN?

THERE'S A FARM AT THE END OF THE MOUNTAIN STREAM.

... ARE ... AL ... IN ... ND

...!!

... TAKE ... M WITH ... A ... A ...

TELL HIM IT'S MY ORDERS AND HE'LL FOLLOW.

GB IS A COWARD!

TAKING HIM WON'T DO ANY GOOD.

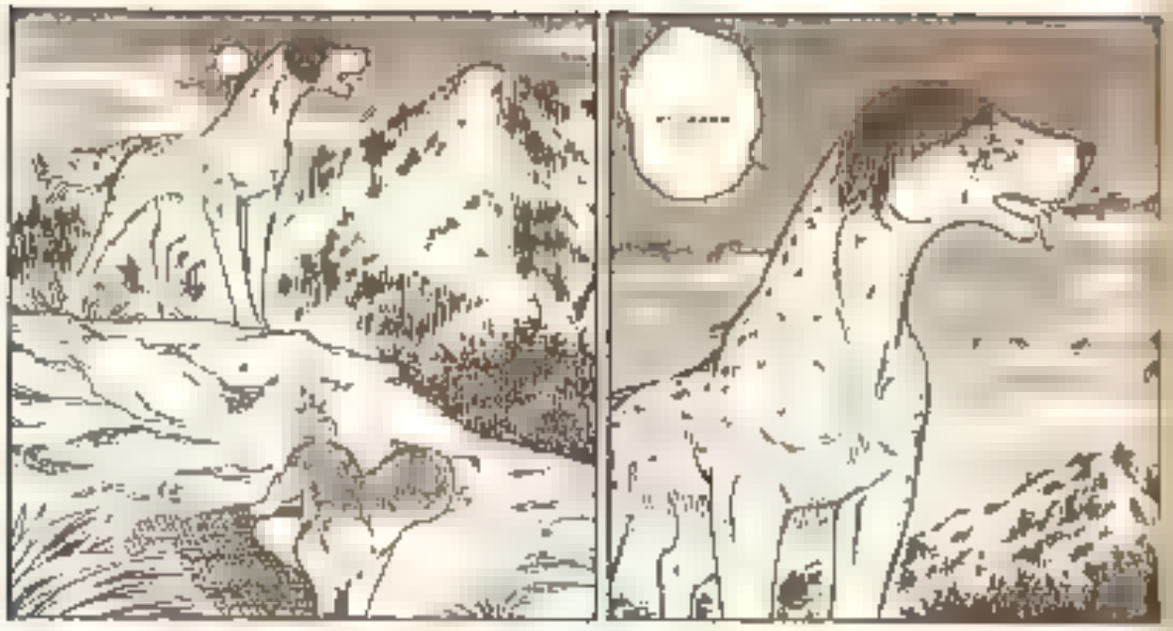
SHUT UP! JUST DO AS I SAY.

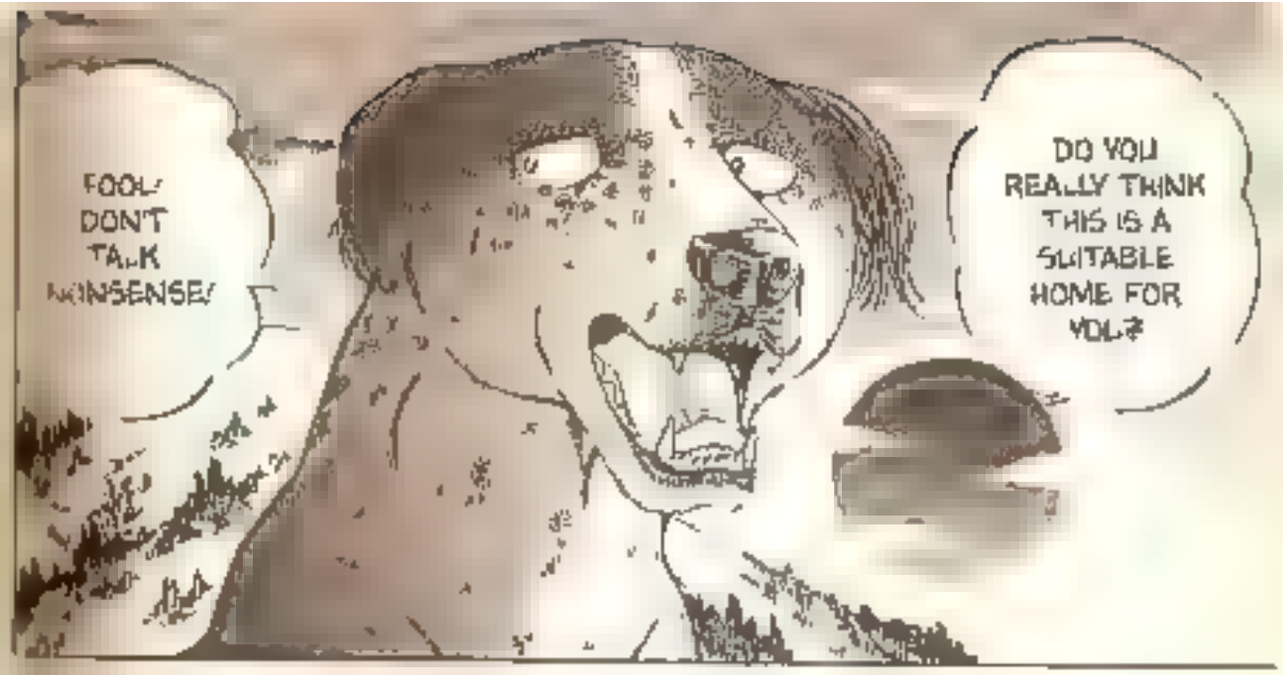
AND HURRY UP!

THE FIRST STORY --
NERO'S COMMAND

BEFORE SHE DIED, WEED'S MOTHER ASKED SB, A TOTAL STRANGER,

TO TAKE HER SON TO THE OHL MOUNTAINS




FOOL! DON'T TALK NONSENSE!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A SUITABLE HOME FOR YOU?

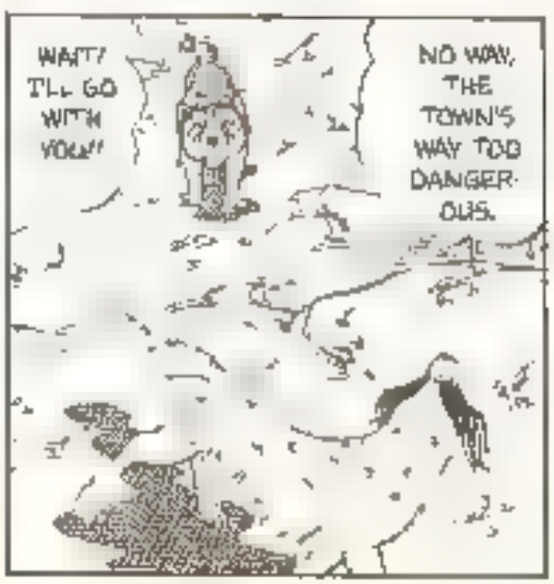
GB? WHAT'S WRONG ?
WE AREN'T GOING TO OHU, ARE WE?

.....

I DON'T CARE WHAT WE DO. I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT OHU, ANYWAY
DAD'S NEVER BEEN AROUND FOR ME. I DON'T MIND STAYING HERE FOR A LONG TIME, AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU.

SORRY, WEED JUST WAIT HERE AWHILE.
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

HERE'S A I OWE MY E TO IN WN HE'S ED AFTER MI IN THE ST.
I HAVE TO THANK HIM BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE...


WAIT! I'LL GO WITH YOU!
NO WAY. THE TOWN'S WAY TOO DANGER-OUS.

HEH-HEH, DON'T BE FOOLED, LITTLE ONE.

HUH?

GB IS A LIAR.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM...

YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT MY FRIEND LIKE THAT.

WEEDY WAIT!

SNARE

I KNOW HIM. HE'S A FRIEND OF MINE.

A FRIEND?

HE'S A RUNNER FOR NERO.

AHOO

THANKS FOR REMINDING ME OF THAT UNPLEASANTNESS.

LET'S GET GOING. WE'VE GOT ORDERS FROM NERO.

GB ....

WHO ARE S.

WHATEVER IT NO LONGER CONCERNS ME. I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE.

GB, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TRYING TO IMPRESS THAT LITTLE PUP?

HURRY NOW! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

I'M GOING TO GET THEM. AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY GUARD!

ARE YOU CRAZY, SASUKE?

ONCE YOU TRY STEALING FROM HUMANS, THAT'S THE END OF YOU!

NO. IF I DON'T RETURN WITH THE GEESE FOR NERO...

IT'LL BE THE END FOR BOTH OF US. WE HAVE NO CHANCE UNLESS WE BOTH GO-- SO ARE YOU IN?

NO. DO IT YOURSELF.

I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE TODAY.

GB... ARE YOU SERIOUS? HEY!

DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THIS FOOL. LET'S GO, WEED.

HOLD IT, GB!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS. I'LL REPORT YOU TO NERO!

DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, SASUKE.

YOU'VE JUST PROVEN THAT YOU BELONG WITH THAT TYRANT.

GB ....

I'M GOING TO CHANGE, STARTING TODAY.

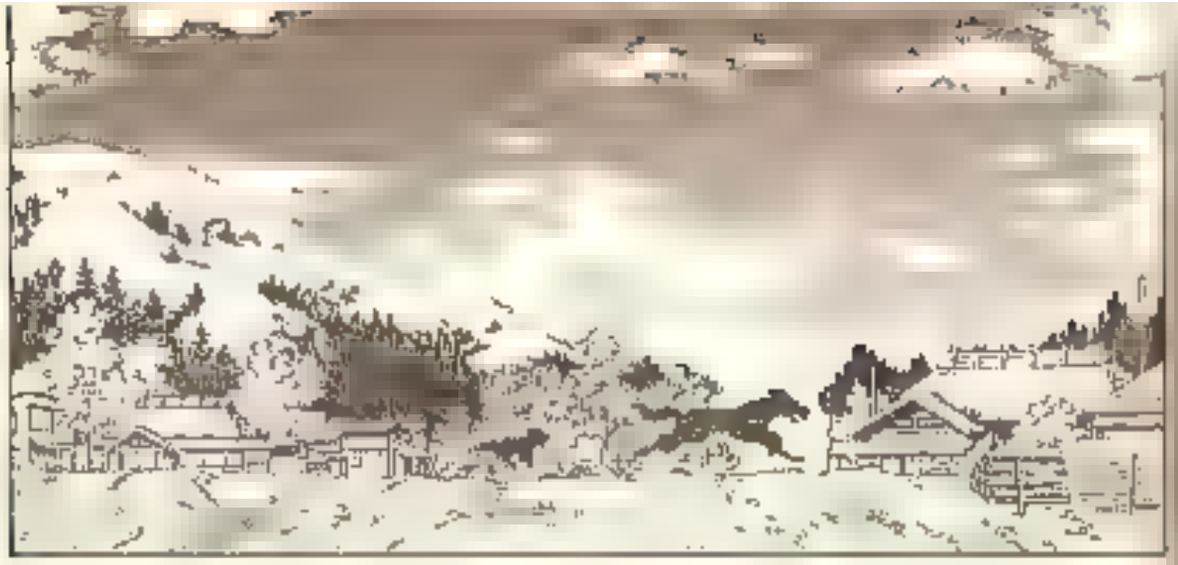
I HAVE A NEW PURPOSE.

NOTHING IN THIS WORLD WILL CHANGE.

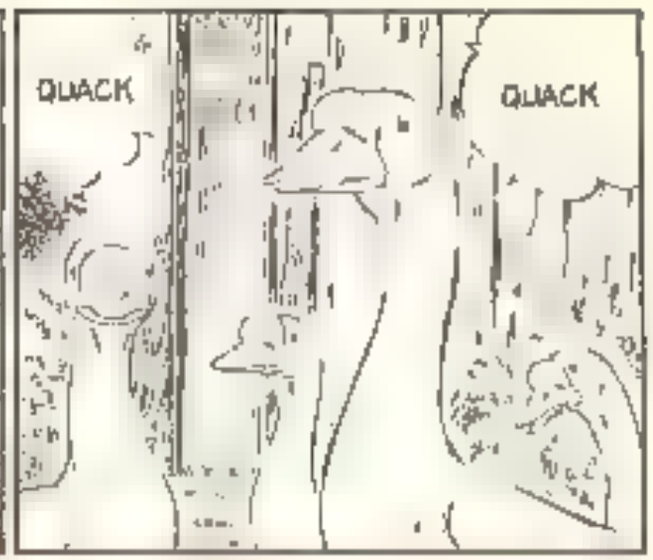
YOU AREN'T FOOLING ANYONE! NOT EVEN THE PUPPY!

IF YOU WANT TO THINK THAT WAY, GO AHEAD!!

THIS CHARADE WON'T LAST, GB...!



THESE ARE THE GEESE SASUKE WAS TALKING ABOUT..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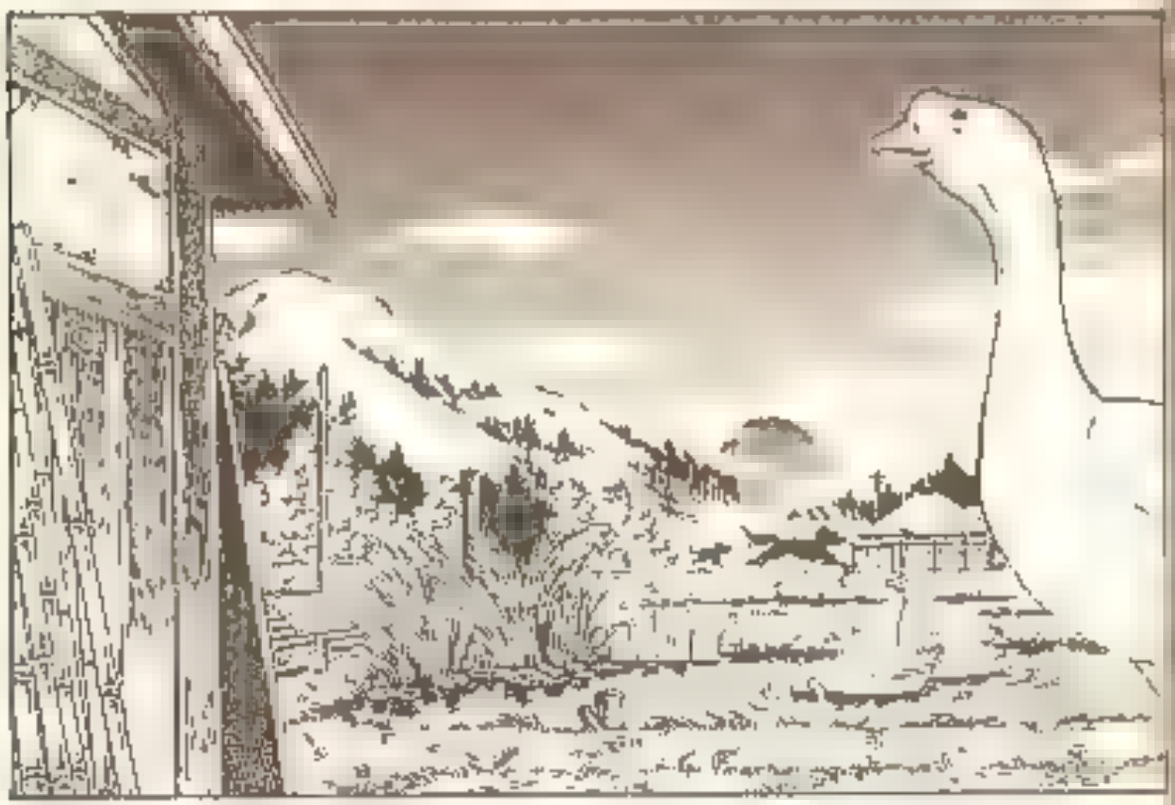

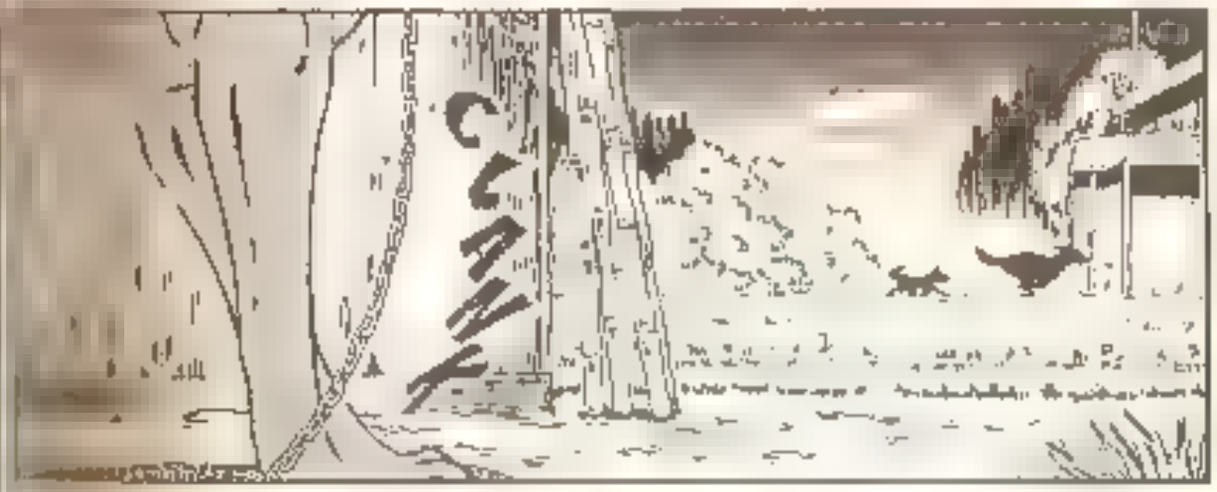

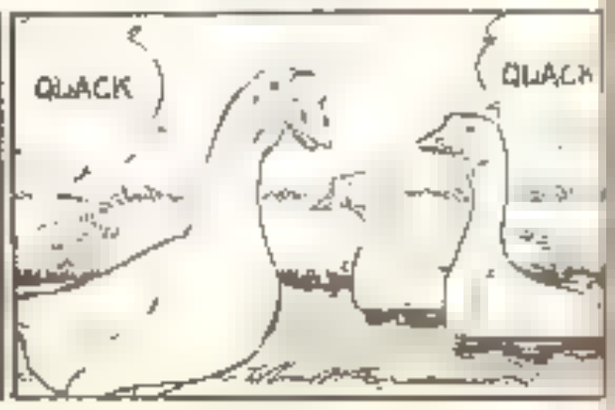
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KOFF
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WEED, WATCH OUT FOR CARS IN THIS TOWN!

STAY ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

GB... HOW DO WE FIND THE GUY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

DOES HE LIVE AROUND HERE?

RIGHT OVER THERE ...

THERE HE IS!

HIDE!

HUH?

HOP HOP HOP

HIM. ONE TOOK ME.

HE MUST BE JUST GETTING BACK FROM A WALK.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS LEG?

I WAS ONCE A PET, TOO!

IT WAS A VERY CUSHY LIFESTYLE. EVERY DAY— SURROUNDED BY A KIND, LOVING FAMILY

OST G NG TO ME.

WHAT?

MY LUCK CHANGED ALL AT ONCE, THOUGH...

MY OWNER, AN ELITE BANKER, WAS SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL INVESTING AT A TIME WHEN A LOT OF ECONOMIC BUBBLES WERE BURSTING..

IT WAS RAINING HARD THAT DAY.

MY OWNER DROVE ME HERE...

WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE CAR, HE SAID:

ALL RIGHT.. GO, GB YOU'RE FREE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE MY MASTER, SO I TRIED TO STAY.

HE START ED HITTING ME WITH A LEASH... CRYING:

GO AWAY NOW!

SLAP!

GO! DON'T YOU GET IT?

THAT'S WHY I LEFT FEARING THE MASTER I ONCE CARED ABOUT

EVENTUALLY I WENT BACK TO HIM, ONLY TO FIND

HE'D HANGED HIMSELF

WEE-OOO!

WEE-OOO!

WEE-OOO!

WEE-OOO!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY OWNER?

SCREECH

DASH

THIS DOG SAVED MY LIFE BY THROWING HIS BODY IN FRONT OF THE ONCOMING CAR...

THIS IS UNCLE SMITH.

WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS, WEED?

GOOD AFTER-NOON!

HUH?

OH....

UH...SO, WHOSE KID IS THIS?

QUACK
QUACK
QUACK
THERE THEY ARE...
NO HUMANS AROUND. IF I DON'T MAKE A CATCH, NERO WILL KILL ME
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT
QUAK QUAK
KLANG...
QUAK
UNKNOWN TO SASUKE, HOWEVER ..
THIS HOUSE WAS GUARDED BY ONE VERY BIG DOG...

WIGGLE WIGGLE
OH..
12
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH WEED, UNCLE SMITH?
JUST MY MISTAKE ..
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 10 YEARS...

THE 2ND STORY —
PERPLEXITY

QUACK

QUACK

QUACK

CREEP

CREEP

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU'RE HELPING THIS KID FIND HIS FATHER?

HA, HA SO YOU FINAL MADE DECISI

A HA. AT'S AT.

YOU'RE FINALLY COMING AROUND.

YES. THANK YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO WORRY YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER

THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY EVEN WAS BORN...

YOU ALWAYS SAID THAT I SHOULDN'T BE NERO'S RUNNER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

M MAY VER AK AGAIN.

DON'T BE SO PESSIMISTIC.

LOOKING AFTER THIS LITTLE ONE, SOMEHOW, I CAN'T HELP FEELING...

LIKE I HAVE PURPOSE. AND I SHOULDN'T ABANDON

WAS E, I HING AR

I WAS THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, GO. AND YOU, TOO, WEED.

I'LL PRAY FOR YOU BOTH. IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO, IN MY CONDITION.

GYAAA!

GYAA!
GYA!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

QUACK

QUACK
QUACK

QUACK
QUACK

SPLASH

QUACK
QUACK

SPLASH

QUACK
QUACK

SPLASH

LAP

SPLASH

FLAP

.....

SASUKE!!

QUACK
QUACK
SPLASH
SPLASH
QUACK
QUACK
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
BLAST IT
THEY'RE QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT!
THAT FOOL IS REALLY DOING IT. HE'S TRYING TO STEAL FROM THE HUMANS.
HE'S GONNA GET HIMSELF KILLED! HEY... WEED

ARE
ING,
T?
SNATCH
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM...
SWING
LEAVE THAT FOOL ALONE!
THUD
.....
GB
....
GET OVER HERE NOW, WEED.
IF WE STAY HERE, THEY'LL THINK WE'RE WITH SASUKE AND CAPTURE US ALL

CURSE THIS WATER

SPLISH

SPLISH

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN

FLING

YELP!

YELP!

YELP!

YIPE!

WAIT DON'T I WAS WRONG

GR-R-R-R.....

GR-R-R-R.....

OH, NO. IT'S A FIGHTING DOG. I NEVER BELIEVED THEY EXISTED!

GB/ WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!

SASUKE WILL BE KILLED....

LEAVE HIM. IT'S HIS OWN FAULT.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US/

IT'S NOT RIGHT

GB/ ARE YOU SCARED?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I'M JUST PROTECTING YOU/

I PROMISED YOUR MOTHER THAT I WOULD WATCH OUT FOR YOU.

.....

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON HIM.

HE'S SCUM, ANYWAY.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? YOU GUYS ARE FRIENDS.

WHAT A CROCK.

WHO CARES IF HE DIES?

THAT'S IT.

IF YOU WON'T HELP THEN I WILL

STOP! WEED!

GUYS LIK THAT BELONG I THE NEX WORLD

LEAVE THEM ALONE!

ARE YOU CRAZY?! I SAID STOP

DANK

OKAY, NOW WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, YOU LITTLE BRAT?

LET SASUKE GO....

LITTLE ONE.

GASP

GASP

STOP, YOU LITTLE BRAT! THAT TICKLES!

WAIT YOUR TURN. I'LL KILL YOU NEXT...

THANK YOU, LITTLE ONE...

PANT.

PAN

ONCE A TOSA DOG BITES A FOE, HE WON'T LET GO UNTIL THE FOE DIES.

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM.

WE CAN'T HELP

YOU'RE THE FIRST

NO ONE'S EVER STOOD UP FOR ME LIKE THAT.

GASP

GASP

GASP

NICK

LITTLE ONE...

HANG ON, SASUKE!

DARNIT ...LET HIM... GO...

CHOMP

CHOMP

NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT RUSH IT.

I'M ALMOST DONE WI HIM.

ET OF ITS E.

WIPE!

I BEG YOU... PLEASE GET OUT!

I TRIED TO TELL YOU...

YOU DIDN'T LISTEN.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT...

I DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE...

EVEN THAT LITTLE RUNT STOOD UP TO THE BIG DOG...

I JUST KEEP RUNNING AWAY...

PLEASE LOOK AFTER MY SON... TAKE HIM TO HIS FATHER...

GIN, THE BOSS IN OKU.

IF I DON'T

CHANGE SOMETHING ON MY OWN.

THEN, NOTHING IN THE WORLD

I KNOW WHAT YOU SAID, BUT...

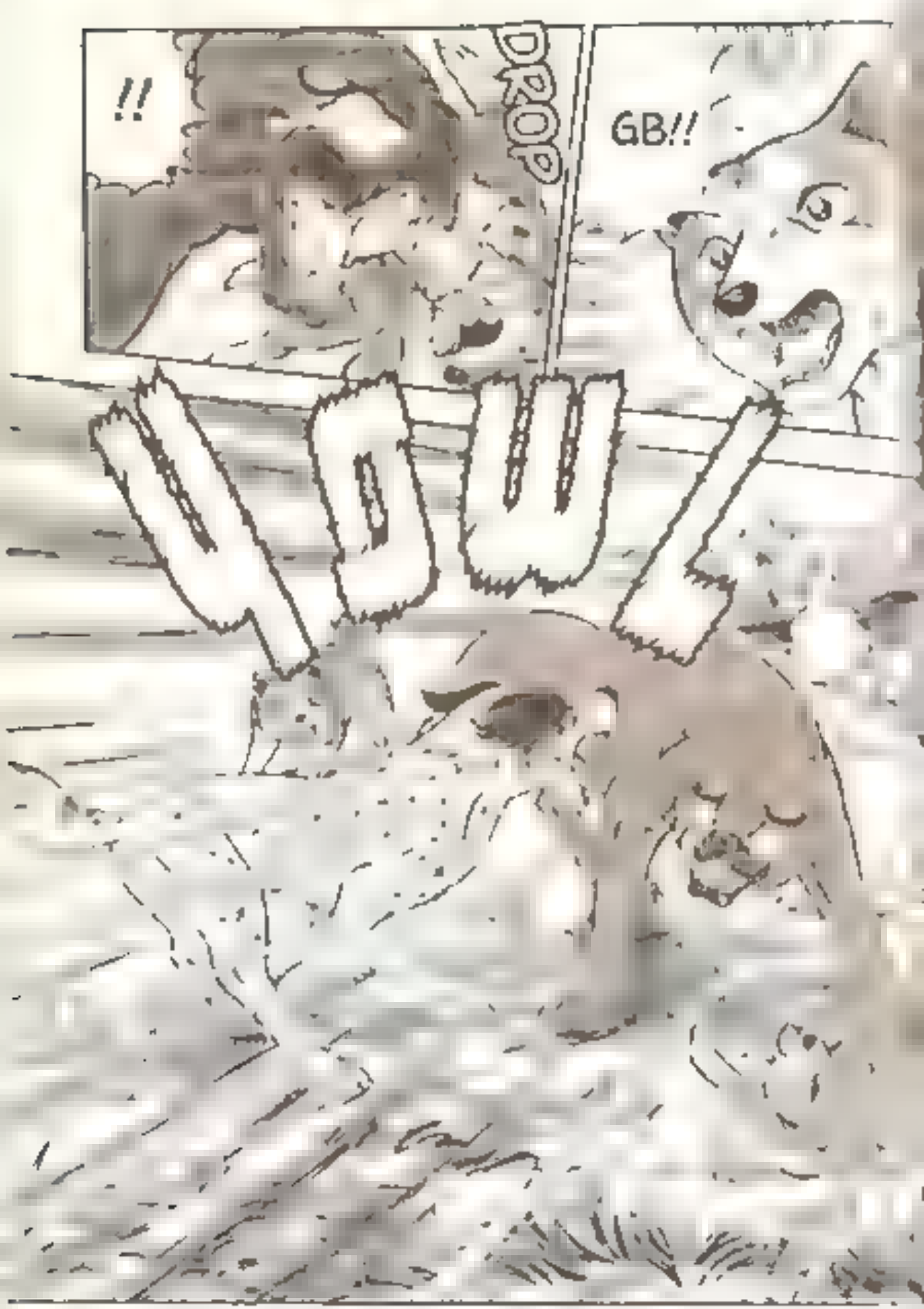
I AM SUCH A COWARD !!

MAYBE I'M JUST USING WEED AS AN EXCUSE, AND...

THE TRUTH IS THAT I JUST WANT TO ESCAPE FROM NERO..

NOOSA

CAN EVER CHANGE!!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STORY --
OMBAT

GB!!

YEEE!

AGH

ACK

YOU
LY!

WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON DOGS YOUR OWN SIZE!?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT IT'S THAT COWARD, GB.

MMM. ING LIKE KEEP MING AT ME.

HUFF HUFF

WHAT NERVE.

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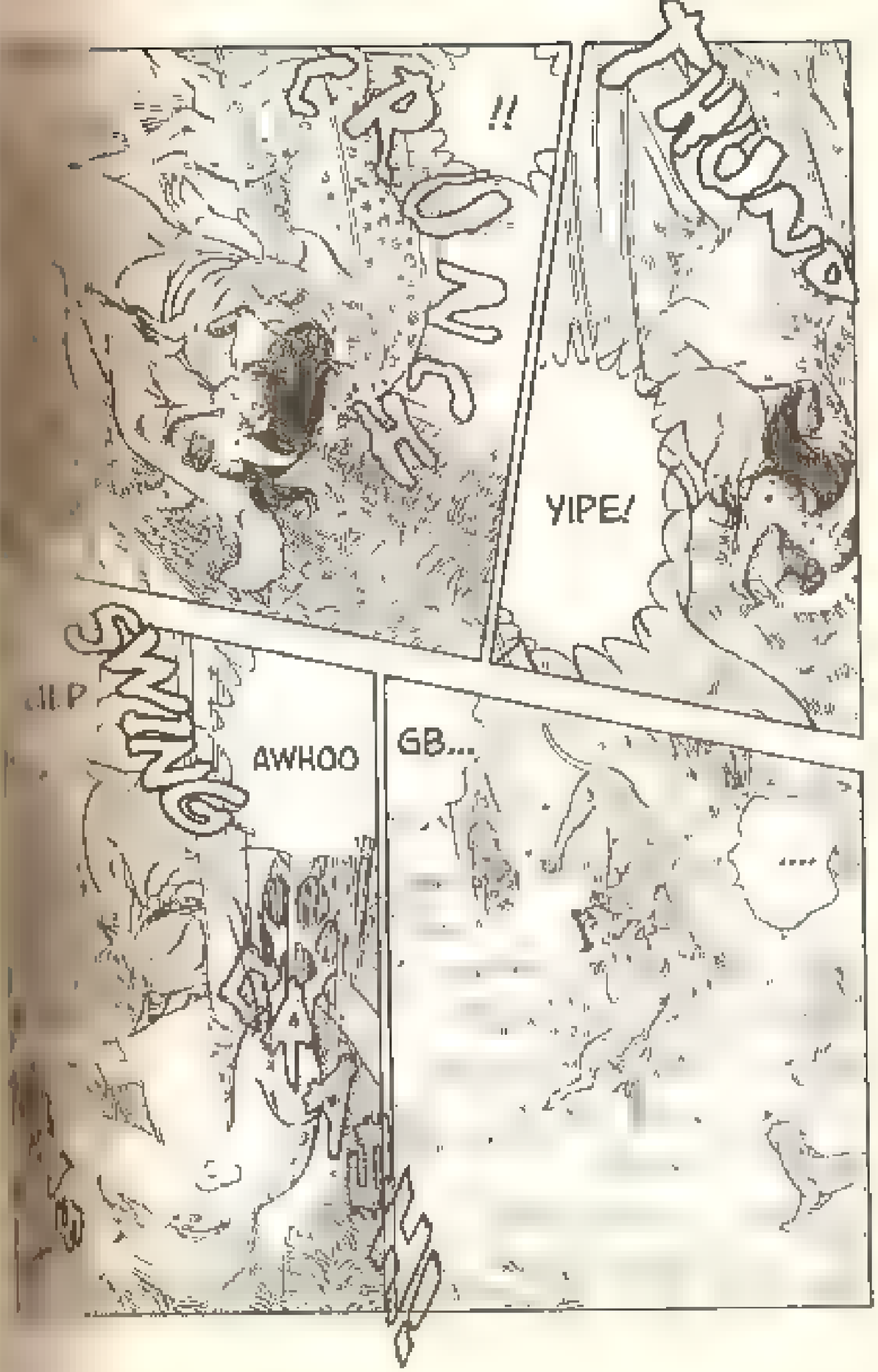
LUNGE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YIPE!
AWHOO
GB...
....

IT HURT'S SO MUCH...

I KNEW HE WAS STRONGER THAN US..

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

DID I REALLY THINK I COULD CHANGE MYSELF

I DON'T HAVE THE POWER EVEN TO BETTER MYSELF

PANT

PANT

PANT

A GOOD CAUSE WITHOUT THE STRENGTH TO BACK IT UP IS WORTHLESS

CHOMP

LET GO OF GB!

SNAP

WEED

PANT

PANT

GRRAR

DON'T GIVE UP, GB!

FLIP ROLL FLOP

IF YOU TRY TO FREE ME I'LL GET...

HHH

I CANT BREATHE

FLIP ROLL FLOP

CAN'T BREATHE..

AGH...

I'M DYING..

GB...!!

WEED.... THANK YOU.

I'LL DIE, BUT AT LEAST THIS WAY I'M DYING FOR SOMEONE..

GRRR

GASP

GASP

GASP

GRRR

CHOP

HEH!

LET HIM GO!

GRRR

-HEH, U MUST K DDING ME!

ALL OF YOU WAIT! I'VE GOT TO KILL THIS GUY FIRST.

BLAST IT!! JUST LET HIM GO...

GRRRR

SRRP

.....!!

80

UCH!

WOOD

YOU LITTLE BRAT!!

GB!

.....

CRASH

81

PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT

GB... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NEVER MIND ME.

HELP WEED...

HE'S RISKING HIS LIFE FOR US!

TUMBLE

RUSH

BACK

CHOMP

CHOMP

WHAT IS IT WITH YOU GUYS? DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DOG LIKE ME CAN DO?

YOU IDIOTS JUST KEEP COMING BACK FOR MORE!

GRRRRRR

VE NEVER
EN SUCH
URAGE AND
UPIDITY!

BUT WHY?

!!

WHAT IS THAT? WHAT'S OUT THERE?

SOME TERRIB..E MONSTER

FUMP

OH, NO!

FUMP !?

.....

.....

!?

FUMP

DASH

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WE DID IT!

ROTT
DOG
RAN AWA
WITH HI
TAIl
BETWI
HIS LE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

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IMP

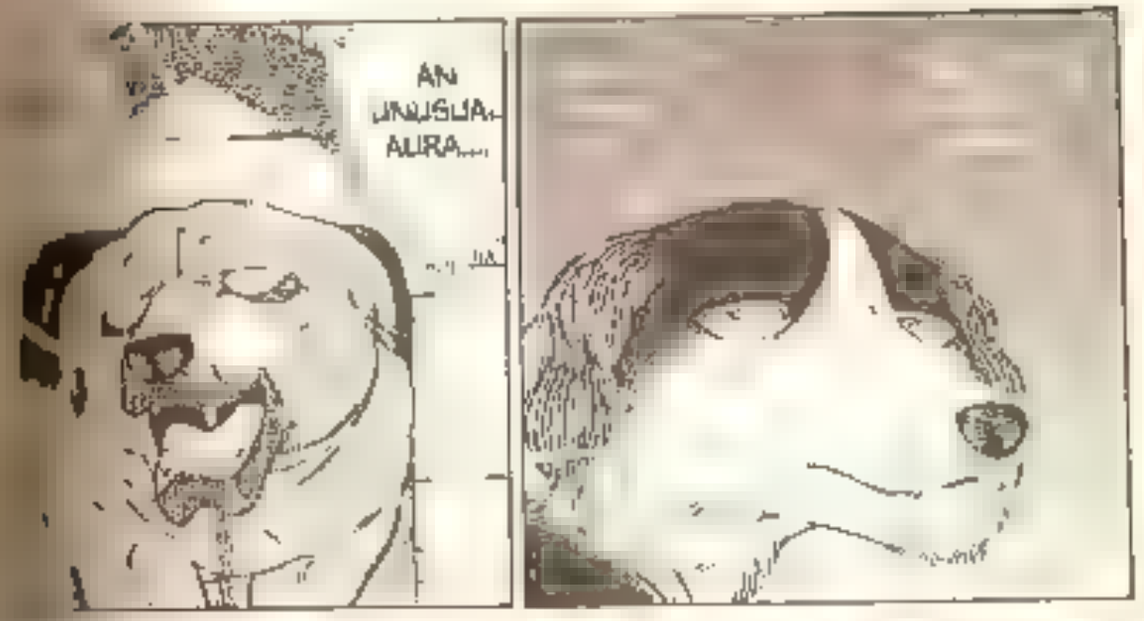
IMP

LET'S GO. THERE'S NO POINT STAYING HERE ANY LONGER.

DASH

YOU SAID IT!

GASP !!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UNUSUA-
AURA....

TTLE ONE
KS SO MUCH
KE MY OLD
WORN FRIEND,
NT WORRIED
AND FOLLOWED
M OVER HERE...
HE'S EVEN
GOT HIS
SPIRIT.
HEH, HEH...

I'M NOT GOING BACK TO NERO.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND MY OWNER.

I SEE. YOU CAN JOIN US.

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T REGRET T LATER

2 YEARS AGO, SASUKE RAN ASTRAY FROM HIS OWNER WHEN HE CAME FOR A CAMPING TRIP TO THE NORTH ALPS. ON THAT OCCASION HE IGNORED HIS OWNER'S CALLING, SEEKING A BRIEF MOMENT OF FREEDOM. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF HIS HARD LUCK

SOMETIMES, FATE TAKES ONE ON AN UNEXPECTED PATH. WILL MEETING WEED CHANGE SASUKE'S FATE ONCE AGAIN? NOBODY KNEW WHAT WAS AHEAD. NONETHELESS, FOR GOOD OR ILL, THESE THREE DOGS SPED DETERMINEDLY TOWARD THE FUTURE.

AH. THIS IS IT!

AUTO CAMP

ENTRANCE FEE 3000 YEN

IN HE WE AME

DAD. CAN I LET SASUKE GO?

UH... ALL RIGHT.

I REMEMBER THIS CAMPSITE.

THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE I LEFT MY OWNER 2 YEARS AGO.

AUTOCAMP

SO YOU CAN GO HOME NOW....

REALLY? THAT'S GREAT. SASUKE...

NO...WE DROVE UP TO THIS POINT...
AND I HAVE NO CLUE WHERE MY OLD HOME IS.
YOU CAME HERE EVERY SUMMER AND WINTER?
HUH
CAMPING SEASON STARTS PRETTY SOON...
THAT'S RIGHT! IT WOULD BE WISE TO WAIT HERE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO? YOU SAVED ME.
I CAN'T JUST THINK ABOUT MYSELF
WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HAPPY.
YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY AGAIN. DON'T LET IT SLIP AWAY.
WEED, GB...
SASUKE, TAKE CARE.
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE OK GOOD LUCK!

Auto Camp
Entrance Fee 3000 yen
THANK YOU.
GOOD LUCK
TO BOTH OF
YOU!
THE 4TH STORY —
CONFRONTATION

GB, LOOK OVER HERE!

FISH, I AHEA THE RIVER SAI

REALLY!?

SPLISH

YEAH HAIR IS NEAT

HA! GB, YOUR HAIR IS ALL NAPPY

BE QUIET

SPLISH

UNCLE SMITH TAUGHT ME...

WHEN YOU DRINK FROM A RIVER, MAKE SURE THE WATER HAS ANIMALS IN IT

LAP

LAP

LAP

IS SO HOT DAY, WE'D TTER TAKE T EASY RING THE AYTIME...

RIGHT. WE MIGHT GET BURNED IF WE WALK ON THE STREET.

WOW! THERE THEY ARE!

I SEE IT, I SEE IT

HERE I GO..

YIPPEE

EXCUSE ME.

SHAKE

SHAKE

IS THAT WATER DRINK-ABLE?

DO YOU KNOW?

PANT

DO YOU MIND IF I DRINK?

PANT

PANT

PANT

NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD

WATER DOESN'T BELONG T ANYONE

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

PANT

.....

!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, LADY?

GB... DONT JUST STAND THERE. HELP

GIVE ME A PAW!!

TUG

.....

IT'S OKAY... I'M ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SON.

I SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A LITTLE REST

WOULD YOU MIND IF I REST AWHILE IN THIS SHADE?

FLOP

NOT AT ALL.

HEY WEED.. GET UP HERE.

WAG

DON'T GET NEAR HER.

PANT

PANT

PANT

WEED. COME ON....

.....

LADY, IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU?

LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP

THANK YOU, YOU'RE A KIND BOY.

IF HE WERE ALIVE, MY SON WOULD BE JUST LIKE YOU...

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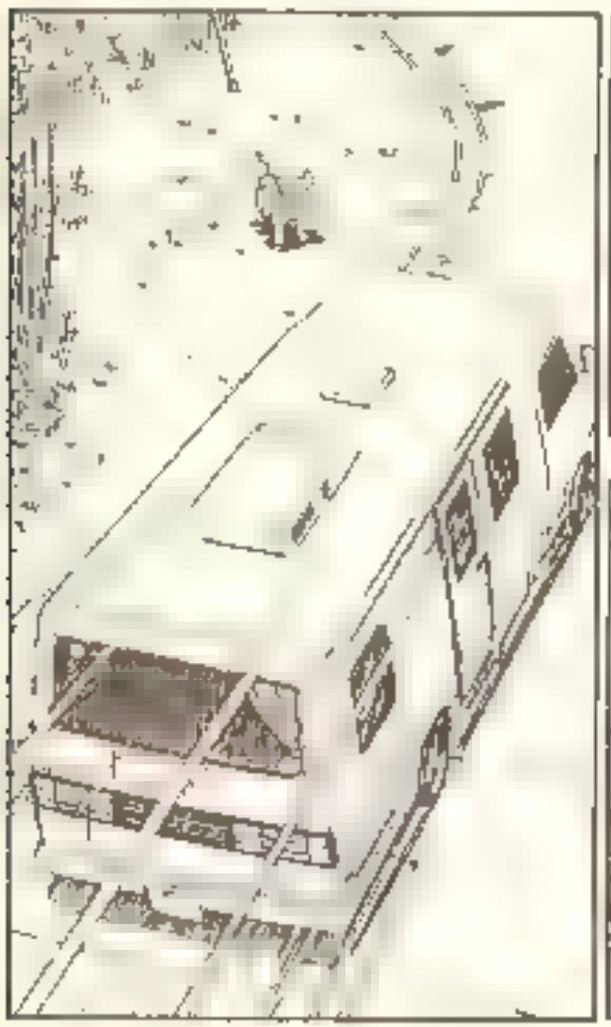
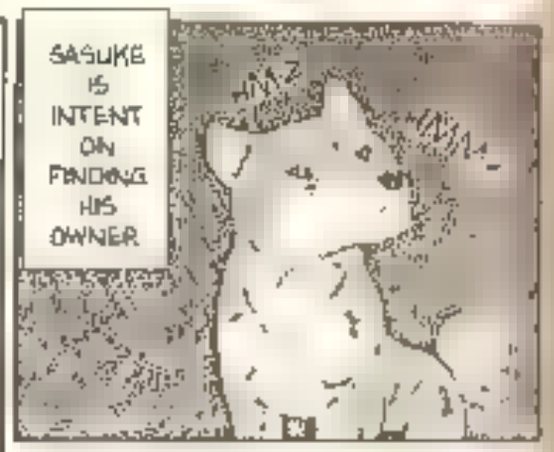
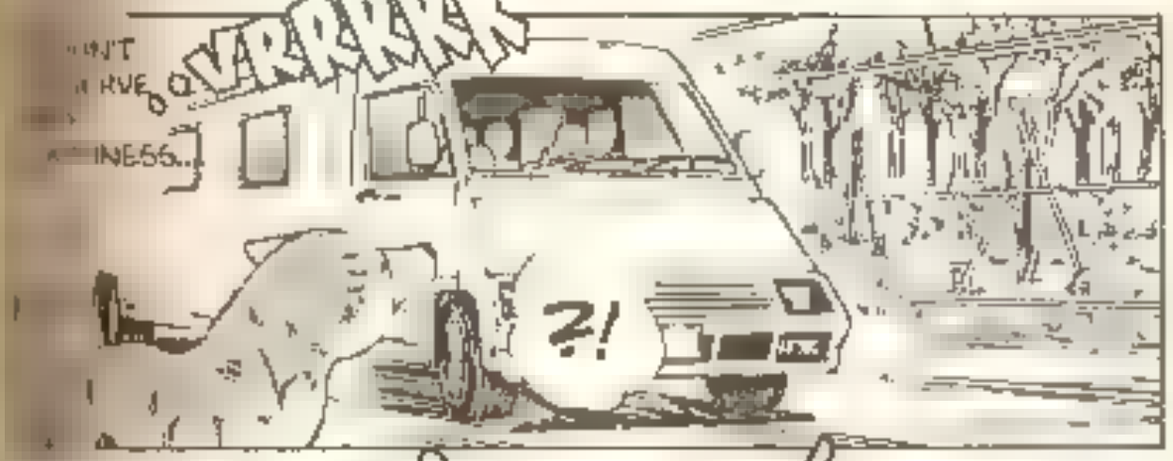



SASUKE IS INTENT ON FINDING HIS OWNER

LOOK. WHAT A CUTE DOG.

IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS...

I MUST BE KIDDING MYSELF.
WHAT AM I HANGING AROUND FOR?


VARRRRRR
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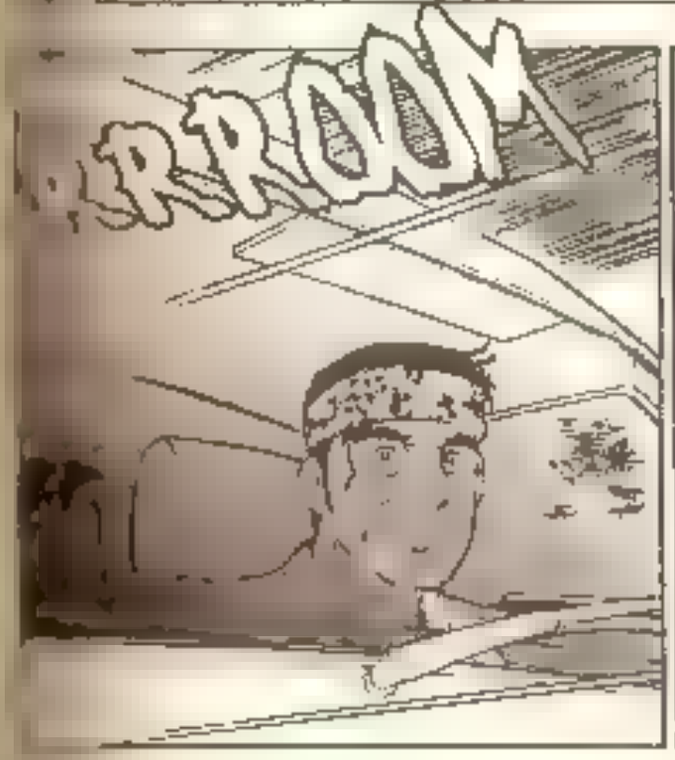
RROOM

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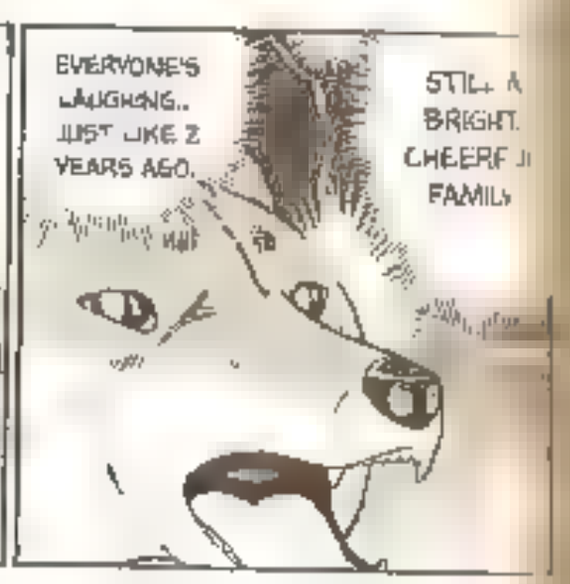
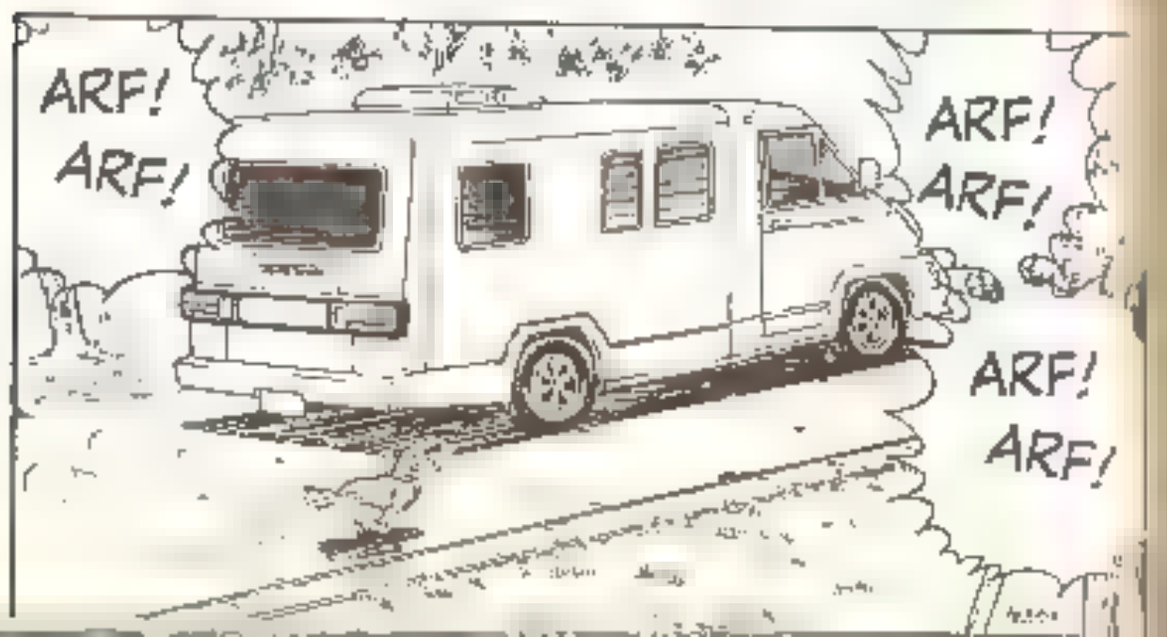
HOLY COW! COULD THAT BE!?

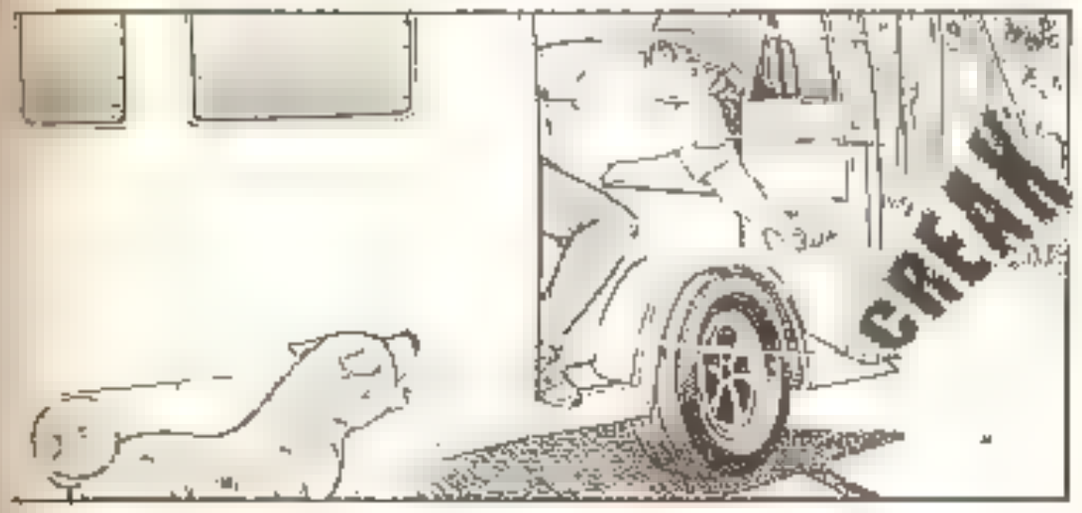
VRRRRRR

MASTER! IT'S NO MISTAKE. HIS WIFE IS WITH HIM TOO.
AH, HIROSHI REALLY HAS GROWN.


EVERYONE'S LAUGHING.. JUST LIKE 2 YEARS AGO.
STILL A BRIGHT, CHEERFUL FAMILY


ARF! ARF!
ARF! ARF!
ARF! ARF!

SASUKE BARKED WITH NO SHAME. HE RAN UP TO HIS OWNER'S BUS, CRYING.
ARF! ARF!
ARF! ARF!
HIS CRY, AFTER 2 LONG YEARS, ECHOED LOUDLY THROUGH THE CAMPSITE.
ARF! ARF!
WOOF! WOOF!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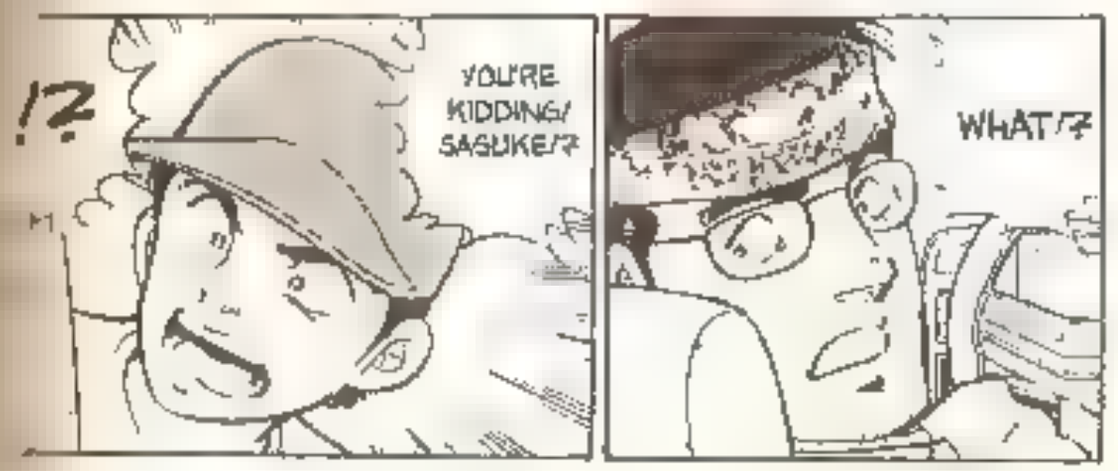
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YOU'RE KIDDING/ SASUKE/?
WHAT/?

ARF! ARF!

IT'S SASUKE!

ARF! ARF!

HRNNN

HRNNN

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, AFTER 2 YEARS.

YOU MUTT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

HRNN

HRN

WELCOME BACK SASUKE!

COME! LET ME HOLD YOU

DAD--LET ME HOLD HIM, TOO.

A NIGHT. A WHOLE NIGHT'S ALIKED ABOUT SASUKE.

A TV CREW CAME TO COVER THE STORY.

WEED, GP. I HOPE YOU'RE OK.

WHERE EVER YOU ARE I OWE MY LIFE AND MY HAPPINESS TO YOU BOTH.

GB!

PLEASE COME, GB!

LADY, ARE YOU N PAIN?

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

PANT

GRR...

PANT

YES... I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING FOR DAYS...

PANT

PANT

ALL RIGHT, JUST WAIT HERE.

I'LL GO FIND SOME-THING.

HOP

HOP

GB!?

GB!

WHERE ARE YOU? GB?

GB!

THAT LADY'S SICK.

I'M HERE, WEED

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GB?

I TOLD YOU, THAT LADY'S SICK

DASH

BASH

WHAT?

WHY NOT?

HUSH UP. THERE'S A LIMIT TO BEING GOOD-NATURED.

I KNOW YOU JUST WANT TO HELP, BUT LISTEN TO ME.

WHAT ARE YOU ALKING ABOUT?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HELPING SOMEONE IN PAIN?

.....

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, GET?

I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOME-THING.

DON'T GET NEAR THAT LADY

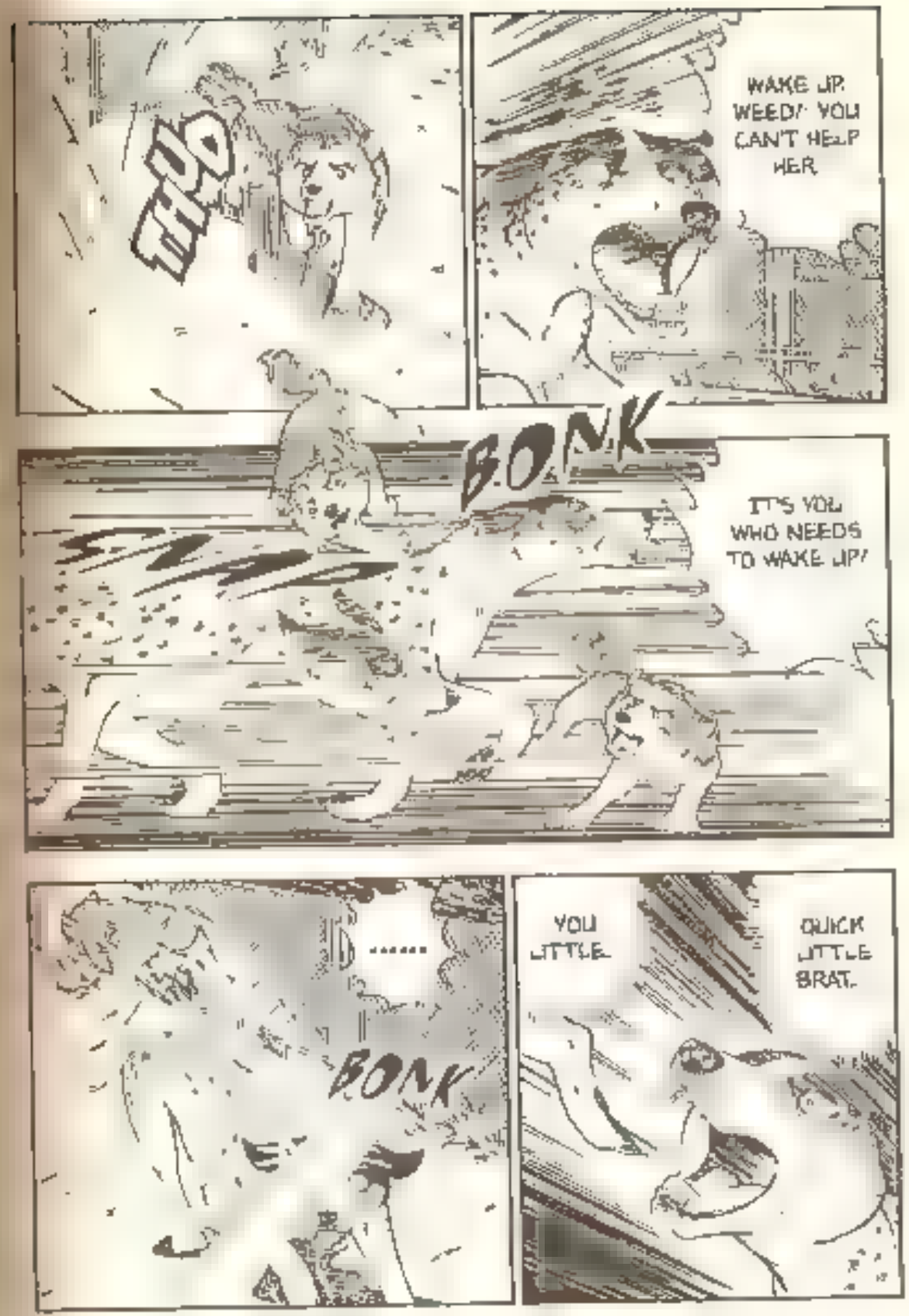
DON'T TALK SMART.

WHAT IF YOU CATCH HER SICKNESS? DO YOU WANT TO DIE TO HELP HER?

WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT?
SPIN
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BETTER DOG THAN THIS!
SHUT UP!
YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR LIFE BEING SO NAIVE.
BLOCK
THAT'S FINE! I WON'T ASK YOU ANY-MORE, GIN!
WAIT WEED, WON'T YOU GO THROUGH HERE
DON'T STAND IN MY WAY.. I'LL MOVE YOU IF I HAVE TO!
WEED, YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME?!

THE 5TH STORY —
THE STATE OF THE JOURNEY

JUMP!
ZIP
YOU LITTLE BRAT YOU BIT ME
YOU REALLY BIT ME..!


WAKE UP WEED! YOU CAN'T HELP HER
BONK
IT'S YOU WHO NEEDS TO WAKE UP!
.....
BONK
YOU LITTLE
QUICK LITTLE BRAT.

DARN FOOL

CHOMP

A PUPPY LIKE YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING ANYWAY.

YOU'RE BETTER OFF FOLLOWING MY ADVICE

NOW ARE YOU READY TO LISTEN?

THUD

....

PANT

PANT

PANT

OH, WEED..

I'M SORRY, WEED, HEY, YOU ALL RIGHT?

PANT

PANT

PANT

ACK!

OH, HECK!

!!

SPLASH!

YOU BRAT, YOU TRICKED ME!

DRIP

DRIP

YOU'RE HEARTLESS, GB... I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU!

I HATE YOU!

WAIT, WEED. THAT LADY'S SICK.

IT'S CALLED DISTEMPER IF YOU GET IT, YOU'LL DIE!

TURN

AH...

SPLISH SPLASH

IF IT INFECTS YOU, IT'S ALL OVER

IT'S A DANGEROUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, WEED.

WEED. HEY.

I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT.

THUD

I DON'T WANT TO DIE FROM THAT DISEASE...

IT'S NO USE HE WON'T LISTEN.

HAVING A SENSE OF JUSTICE DOESN'T GET THE JOB DONE ALL THE TIME

I SHOULD JUST LEAVE HIM TO HIS HEROICS...

I CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP RISKING MY LIFE LIKE THIS.

HAMBURGERS

HAMBU

CRASH!!

WHAT HEY!

HEY

TURN

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

HEY YOU, MUTT!!

DASH

GET OUT OF MY GARBAGE!

DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME IS WEED? THANK YOU.

CAN I REALLY EAT ALL THIS?

YES. WHEN IT GETS DARK, I'LL BRING SOMETHING FOR YOU AGAIN.

PLEASE GET WELL SOON, LENNY.

THANK YOU, WEED.

MUNCH

LENNY, WHAT MADE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME?

ACTUALLY, I LEFT HOME LOOKING FOR MY SON.

MUNCH

YOUR SON?

BY NOW..

HE'S PROBABLY GROWN UP TO BE YOUR SIZE.

LENNY IS A GOLDEN RETRIEVER.

SHE DELIVERED 7 PUPPIES AT HOME IN YOKOSUKA AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

6 OF THE PUPPIES WERE SOLD TO A PET SHOP WITHIN 2 MONTHS.

BECAUSE THE ONE REMAINING PUPPY WAS A RUNT. HE STAYED WITH HIS MOTHER.

LENNY LOVED HIM TREMENDOUSLY.

SHE FELT SORRY FOR HER SON BECAUSE HIS SIBLINGS WERE GONE.

AND THEN ONE DAY.

YOU HAVE ONE MORE LEFT?

IF YOU LIKE THE DOG, YOU CAN TAKE IT, BROTHER.

MY YARD'S SMALL AND HAVING 2 DOGS WON'T BE EASY...

REALLY ..?

BUT MY CHILDREN WANT A HUSKY.

WHAT IF THEY DON'T LIKE THIS DOG?

HUSKIES ARE TROUBLE. THEY NEED A LOT OF EXERCISE

AND AI
PRONE
BITIN

PLEASE TAKE THE PUPPY, I'M HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING RID OF IT.

ALRIGHT. THEN I'L TAKE T

IT WAS A VERY SUDDEN SEPAR ATION...

RATHER, JENNY'S VERY QUIET, ISN'T SHE?

JENNY'S A SMART DOG...

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

HELP, MOMMY.. HELP ME..

I WAS HELPLESS.

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

DOGS ARE TAUGHT TO OBEY THEIR MASTERS...

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

WHIMPER

AT LEAST MY SON WASN'T GIVEN TO A STRANGER. MY OWNER'S BROTHER TOOK HIM.

I BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD BE IN A HAPPY PLACE.

I SEE. BUT, LENNY..

DO YOU KNOW WHERE ME. WAS TAKEN?

.....

A PLACE CALLED TOYOTA IN AICHI PREFECTURE

IS IT FAR?

YES.. BUT I'M GETTING CLOSER.

IT'S MY MATE'S PARENT'S HOME. I'VE BEEN THERE SEVERAL TIMES BY CAR, SO I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE IT IS..

I MUST FIND OUT WITH MY OWN EYES....

WHETHER OR NOT MY SON IS HAPPY....

HUH?

LENNY. ARE YOU LEAVING NOW?

SNIFFER

I'LL GET THERE PRETTY SOON. IT'S VERY HOT IN THE DAYTIME.

IF I DON'T WALK IN THE EVENING, IT'L BE HARD ON ME...

LENNY

TAKE CARE, WEED.

I HOPE YOU FIND YOUR FATHER.

LENNY. YOU CAN'T MAKE IT ALONE.

I'LL GO WITH YOU

Rush

FOOL YOU'VE COME SO FAR, AND NOW YOU'RE GOING BACK?

I GIVE UP. I REALLY GIVE UP....

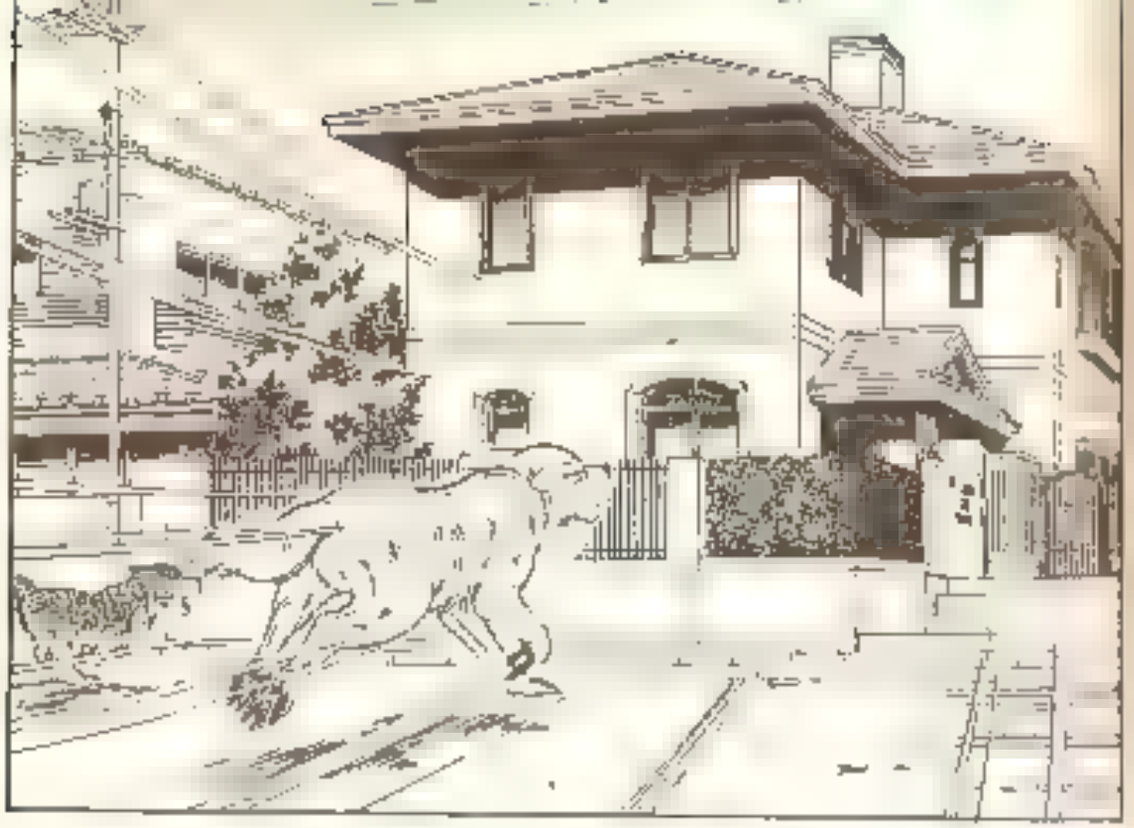
AT LAST, I'M HERE. IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BRIDGE.

I'LL FINALLY SEE MY SON.

I CAN SEE HIM...

THAT'S IT. THE HOUSE WITH A BLUE ROOF.

ALL RIGHT!



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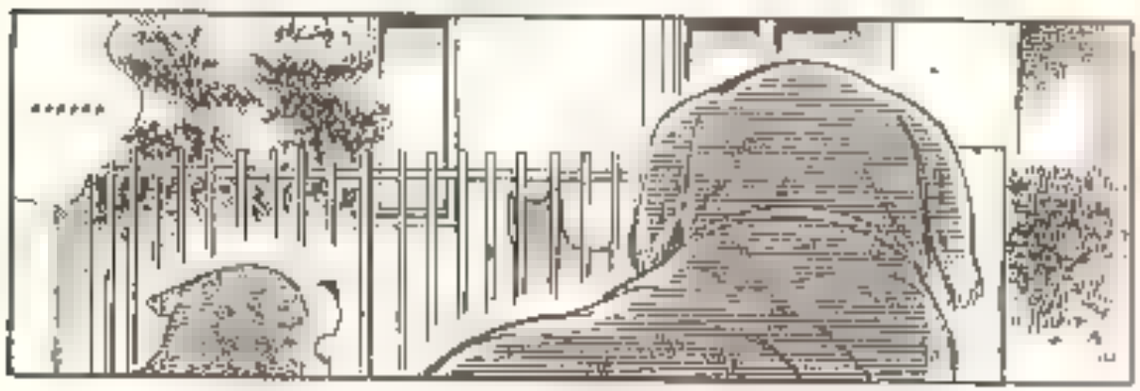
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WHO'RE YOU ? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THIS CAN'T BE...

WHO ARE YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HUH!?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT!?

WHERE'S MEL!?
MY ME... WHERE IS HE? HE'S HERE, ISN'T HE?
MEL!? WHAT ARE YOU YAPPING ABOUT OLD LADY?
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE!
PANT
IT CAN'T BE! WHY?
LENNY!?

THE 6TH STORY — REUNION

IT CAN'T BE.

ARE YOU OK, LENNY?

MEL, WHERE ARE YOU?

IT'S M... YOUR MOTH...

SHUT YOUR MOUTH. I'M GUARDING THIS HOUSE.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, COME ON INSIDE. I'LL FIGHT YOU.

GOLBY, BE QUIET!

GRR.... WHAT IS IT NOW?

LENNY, SOMEONE'S COMING. GET OVER HERE.

I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU.

COME TO ME. ME...

LENNY

DON'T WORRY.

I'LL HELP YOU FIND MEL, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES.

IT'S OKAY... NEVER MIND. WE'D BE WASTING OUR TIME.

I DON'T THINK MEL IS STILL ALIVE...

DON'T SAY THAT!

DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE WE START..

.....

LENNY

YOU'RE STRONG, WEED... I REALLY ENVY YOU.

IF MEL IS AS STRONG AS YOU, THEN I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING.

LENNY ...

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE...

LENNY, WAIT

WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

WHAT'S THE COMMOTION ABOUT? WHAT'S WRONG, SON?

!?

WELL... DO YOU KNOW ME...?

WHO USED TO STAY NEXT DOOR?

AH... THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER'S PUP

HE LEFT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

WHAT!? WHERE IS HE NOW?

HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS OWNER.

HE WAS CRYING EVERYDAY. CALLING FOR HIS MOTHER. IT WAS SO SAD...

I EVEN WARNED HIM, "IF YOU KEEP CRYING LIKE THAT YOUR OWNER WILL ABANDON YOU, TOO."

I MEANT IT AS A JOKE, BUT THEN IT REALLY HAPPENED.

.....

LENNY?

....

WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING.

WELL THEN, WHERE IS MY MEL?

HEY, ARE YOU...

MEL'S MOTHER?

YES...

WHAT LUCK!

YOU STILL MIGHT MAKE IT.

WHAT? STILL MAKE WHAT?

MEL'S ALIVE?

YEAH, HE'S STILL IN TOWN..

BUT HE'S BECOME A STRAY.

MEL'S ALIVE...

MY POOR BABY

SEE THAT MOUNTAIN BEHIND YOU? HE'S LIVING THERE.

I SAW HIM LAST WEEK WHEN I WAS TAKING A WALK. SOMETIMES HE COMES DOWN TO THE TOWN.

DON'T WORRY. HE WAS HEALTHY ENOUGH TO RUN UP THAT MOUNTAIN SLOPE.

S THAT SO?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU SHOULD GO SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY.

HE'LL BE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

JENNY, WE HAVE TO HURRY. CAN YOU STILL RUN?

YES, OF COURSE.

THANKS, POP!!

HEY, I'M NOT A "POP" YET!!

HA, HA. SORRY.

HOOK... ONCE AGAIN, NICE SLICK TALK.

!?

YOU THINK THEY'LL BE ALRIGHT ?

HONESTLY I DON'T THINK THEY'LL SURVIVE IN THOSE MOUNTAINS.

....

THAT DOG LEFT HER OWNER AND RISKED HER LIFE TO COME HERE LOOKING FOR HER SON.

I CAN'T BE AS HEARTLESS AS YOU.

CUT OUT THE BIG TALK.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANY SOUND ADVICE COMING FROM YOU.

WHY NOT TELL HER THE TRUTH?

WHY, SO THEY CAN DIE? HA.

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.

YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO GREW UP INSIDE THE FENCE.

I UNDERSTAND A CHILD'S NEED FOR HIS MOTHER.

MEL'S GOING TO NEED HIS MOTHER'S LOVE IF HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT.

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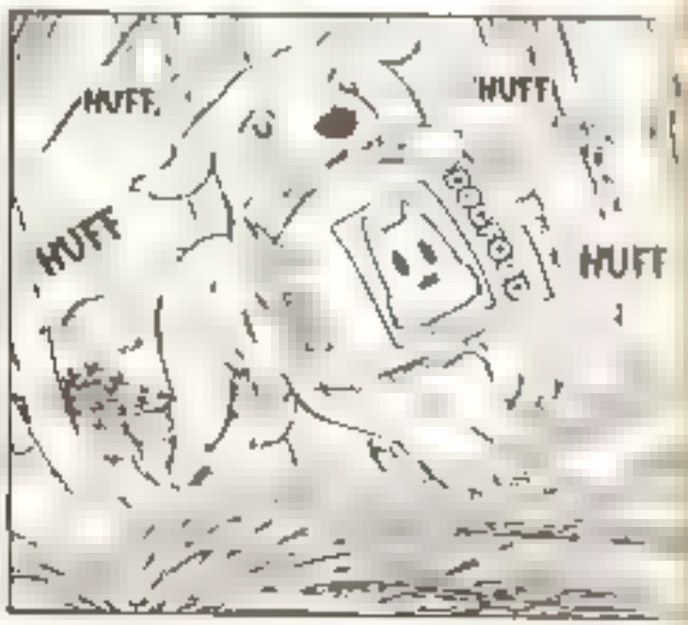
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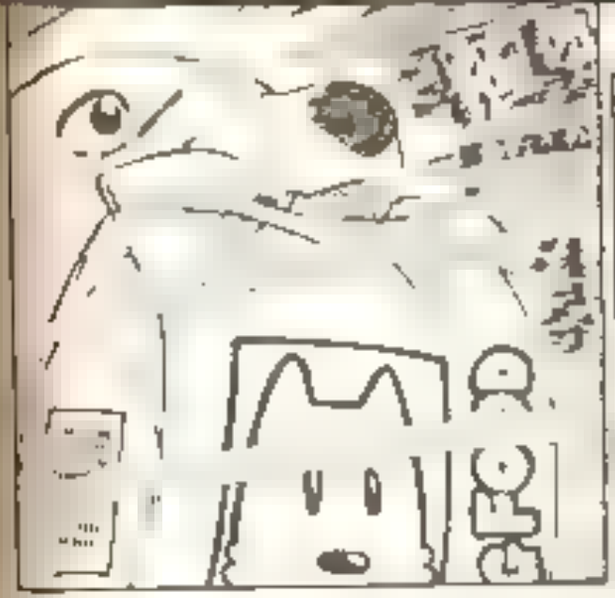

BLUE
NED
WHAT
BE... I STOLE IT

WHERE IS EVERY ONE?
BLUE ?

YOU'RE LATE, MEL
HALT!
HEY, THIS MUD'S GOOD HE REALLY STOLE IT

SEE.. ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE EFFORT.

IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THOUGHT. ISN'T IT, MEL?

BUT I WAS CHASED BY HUMANS FOR 2 KILOMETERS!

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GET CAUGHT AND KILLED!

YET, YOU LOST THEM ANYWAY. WELL DONE.

WELL CALL YOU TOMORROW.

HEY, THIS IS NEW.

GULP

AMAZING... IT'S SOAKED WITH MEAT JUICE.

THAT'S THE LAST TIME I DO THAT, GUYS.

I DON'T WANT TO STEAL ANYMORE.

SWALLOW

WHAT!?

CHOMP

CRUNCH

WHAT DID YOU SAY? WATCH YOUR MOUTH, BRAT

DON'T FORGET...

WHO HELPED YOU WHEN YOU WERE LEFT FOR DEAD BY YOUR OWNERS?

YOU BRAT!

YEE!

STOMP

BEING RAISED BY HUMANS DOESN'T MAKE YOU BETTER.

REMEMBER THAT, WHELP!!

BLUE, STOP IT

MEL'S ALREADY TAKEN HIS LICKS..

YELP!

YELP!

YIPE!

MEL APOLOGIZE TO BLUE... COME ON, QUICK!!

BUTT OUT I'M GOING TO TEACH HIM A LESSON!

I-I'M SORRY

WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, BRAT!

I'M SORRY! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU TELL ME TO.

I'M REALLY SORRY!

STOP!

.....

YOU UNDER-STAND ALL RIGHT, THEN.

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

GRIN

PANT

PANT

PANT

HEY, BEL... WHAT'S THAT?

ZHHH

HEADS UP! STRANGERS COMING THIS WAY....

WHO ARE THEY?

HMM... WHAT TIMING!

LET'S HAVE NED TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE.

HEY, NED, YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?

EASY, NED. THAT'S A LITTLE MUCH FOR HIM...

SHUT UP! THIS WILL BE GOOD FOR HIM.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT INVADING OUR TERRITORY...

PROVE YOURSELF! GET THEM!

WHA..!? IS THAT MY MOM!?
HOLY COW! WHY IS MY MOM HERE?

THE 7TH STORY --
MEL'S REBELLION

I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S REALLY MY MOTHER.

PANT

PANT

WHAT'S THE HOLD UP? YOU SCARED?

DON'T WORRY, WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU...

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET THEM!

OW!

ROLL

SLIDE

BILLOW

BILLOW

BILLOW

!?

ARE YOU ...

COULD IT BE.. MY SON?

MEL...!?

MEL, IS THAT YOU?

OH, MY. YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH.

I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS DAY.

STOP IT.

DON'T TOUCH ME. STOP BEING SO NICE

Stop !?

MEL?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME? I'M YOUR MOTHER!

I-- I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER!

GET OUT OF HERE. THIS IS MY TURF.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

LENNY LEFT HER HOME TO SEE YOU....

GAPE

.....

SO WHAT!?

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE MY MOTHER!!

MEL, YOU...

YOU'RE MY MOTHER? THAT'S A JOKE!

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I WAS GIVEN AWAY?

MEL ...

I AM SO SORRY

YOU JUST STOOD THERE WATCHING ME CRY AS I WAS TAKEN AWAY.

IS THAT WHAT A MOTHER DOES!?

MEL ...

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE.

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE.

I'LL KILL YOU!

GRRR

I'LL KILL YOU!

LOOK BEHIND YOU!

I HAVE SOME FRIENDS.

IF I WANT, I CAN BEAT YOU, JUST LIKE THAT.

IF YOU KEEP GRUMBLING, WE WON'T LET YOU OUT OF HERE ALIVE.

I MADE UP MY MIND WHEN I LEFT MY HOME.

I RISKED MY LIFE TO FIND YOU, ME...

....

I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN.

MEL, COME HOME WITH ME...

LICK

LICK

GRRRAH!

AGH!

WHAP

....

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, WHY?

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MEL..

FORGIVE ME..

GRRRR/

!?

GLUP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THAT'S YOUR MOTHER.

DON'T, WEED.

DON'T HURT MY SON...

BUT LENNY..

OH BOY, HERE WE GO. THAT LITTLE BRAT IS A SCRAPPER.

HE'S GOT GUTS, ATTACKING THE BIG ONE FIRST!

STOP IT! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

YOUR MOTHER IS SICK! CAN'T YOU SEE..

IT'S ALRIGHT, WEED..

LET HIM DO AS HE WANTS.

BUT, LENNY..

GRRR

GRRR!

WOOOH!

SNAP !!

!!

OK...

FLOP

THAT TEARS IT!

WEED, IT'S ALRIGHT, REALLY!

LENNY

MY SON'S DOING OK.

I'M HAPPY JUST TO FIND THAT OUT...

LET'S GO...

GOOD BYE, ME.....

KEEP YOUR CHIN UP AND LIVE EVERY DAY TO THE FULLEST.

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MOTHER

.....

MOMMY...

MY MOTHER IS GOING AWAY...

GLAD YOU GUYS ARE STILL ALIVE...

WERE YOU ABLE TO MEET ME...?

YES, BUT HE'S BECOME A DELINQUENT.

HE ATTACKED HIS OWN MOTHER.

IS THAT SOB THAT LITTLE CRY BABY....

HOW PITIFUL.

BUT THAT CAN'T BE HIS TRUE FEELINGS?

WHAT ?

NEVER MIND. WHY DON'T YOU GUYS COME OVER WHILE MY MASTER'S AWAY.

EAT!

ARE YOU HUNGRY? I'VE GOT SOME DOG FOOD.

I'M TIRED OF DOG FOOD EVERY DAY....

MUNCH! MUNCH

WOW... WHAT A FEAST..

I'LL HAVE SOME...

BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING.

DON'T YOU THINK MEL IS AFRAID OF THAT GANG HE'S IN?

WHAT ?

.....

THEY'VE LIVED ON THAT MOUNTAIN 5, 6 YEARS NOW...

THERE ARE 3 THUGS, BLUE, NED AND BE....

MEL IS THEIR RUNNER.

HE'S SCARED. HE JUST CAN'T BREAK LOOSE...

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SOONER OR LATER MEL WILL BE KILLED.

THEY'LL USE HIM AS LONG AS THEY CAN, AND THEN HE'S DOG MEAT.

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QUIT LYING, HOOK.

HOW COME A HOUSE DOG LIKE YOU KNOWS SO MUCH?

FIRST OF ALL... I'M NOT A HOUSE DOG BY NATURE.
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY OWE ME ONE

THE 8TH STORY —
THE BROTHER'S REVENGE
BAYASH

HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO WAG YOUR TAIL FOR FOOD...

POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND A DOG WHO SPENT HALF OF HIS LIFE IN THE WILD?

WHAT-EVER.

HOOK, YOU WERE A STRAY, FIRST.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO US...

WELL... NOT EXACTLY... LIKE I SAID...

I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THOSE MOUNTAIN PUNKS.

SOON AFTER I WAS BORN, MY BROTHERS AND I...

WERE PUT IN A CARDBOARD BOX AND THROWN IN THE RIVER.

SPLISH

SWIMMING FOR DEAR LIFE ONLY TWO OF US GOT TO THE RIVER BANK.

MY OLDER BROTHER HURT AND MYSELF

ARF ARF

SPLISH SPLISH

WE WERE STRAYS, AND THE FIRST DOGS WE ENCOUNTERED WERE...

BLUE, NED AND BELL. THEY APPROACHED US KINDLY, THOUGH.

SINCE OUR DISTRUST OF HUMANS HAD GROWN

WE FOLLOWED THEM WITHOUT QUESTION.

FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, THEY TREATED US WELL.

WE FELT WE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THEM, EVEN RISK OUR LIVES.

BUT THAT WAS THEIR TRICK.

BEFORE LONG, WE WERE TRAINED TO BE THIEVES, AND SERVED HIM AS SLAVES.

WHEN THERE WASN'T ENOUGH FOOD,

I HAD TO SNATCH GROCERIES FROM THE HANDS OF HUMANS.

MY BROTHER, KURO, WAS MUCH MORE GROWN UP AND BIGGER THAN I...

SO HE STARTED TO SPEAK UP

WHY...

WHY MUST WE RISK OUR LIVES?

LOOK AT MY LITTLE BROTHER

HE GOT CAUGHT BY HUMANS AND WAS ALMOST KILLED!

WHILE YOU GUYS JUST LIE AROUND HERE EVERY DAY, TAKING NAPS!

WHAT DID YOU SAY, PUNK? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

DON'T OVERESTIMATE YOURSELF JUST CAUSE YOU'RE A LITTLE BIGGER NOW.

YOU COULD AT LEAST HELP BY BEING LOOKOUTS.

HEY!

WAIT A MINUTE, YOU MONGREL!

YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH.

THWAP

WE'RE OUTTA HERE.

WE ARE NOT YOUR SLAVES.

SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE BRAT

I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY. I'M LEAVING.

ARE YOU STILL TALKING BACK?

FINE! I'LL KILL YOU

KURO.

KURO, YOU'D BETTER APOLOGIZE NOW.

BEFORE YOUR GUTS COME OUT OF YOUR BODY.

POMP

DO WHAT YOU WILL.

YOU SAID IT!

STOP IT!

PLEASE DON'T KILL MY BROTHER

HOOK, RUN!

PANT

PANT

PANT

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. URGHH...

DON'T BE SUCH A STUBBORN FOOL

KURO. KURO!

THAT WAS THE END OF MY BROTHER.

KILLED LIKE A LITTLE WORM.

STOP CRYING LIKE A PUPPY

GO STEAL US SOME FOOD, OR YOU'RE NEXT

.....

THAT SAME DAY I WAS CAUGHT AND TAKEN TO THE POUND

I WAS GOING TO BE PUT DOWN, LUCKILY I WAS ADOPTED BY MY PRESENT OWNER.

BUT I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM FOR WHAT THEY DID TO KURO.

AS MY BODY GETS LARGER, MY HATRED FOR THEM GROWS....

THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

SOMEONE HAS TO BRING THEM TO JUSTICE.

OR ELSE NAIVE LITTLE ONES LIKE ME! WILL CONTINUE TO BE THEIR VICTIMS.

TO THIS DAY, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIGHT THEM.

THEY INSTILLED SUCH FEAR IN ME WHEN I WAS SMALL, IT'S HARD NOT TO GET SCARED.

I'LL DO IT!!

PLEASE DON'T, WEED!

THEY'RE MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, KID.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF BEING BEATEN.

SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT.

AM I SUPPOSED TO IGNORE THEM?

NOTHING CHANGES IF YOU JUST KEEP IGNORING IT.

DON'T KID YOURSELF.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE DOGS ARE REALLY LIKE.

.....

EVERYONE HAS FEAR...

THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOU FIGHT FOR EVEN IF IT MEANS RISKING YOUR LIFE.

WEED...

H-HEY!

WAIT, WEED I'M GOING WITH YOU!

WEED!

.....

SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

LEAVE ME ALONE YOU ROTTEN HOUSE DOG!

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. I'D NEVER THINK YOU ONCE RAN WITH THOSE THUGS.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL...

ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT THAT?

I TOLD YOU, SHUT UP

IT WAS ME, I HEARD EVERY THING.

WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?

HEY! I HAVEN'T SAID A WORD.

!!

I'M JUST PASSING BY. I'M GB.

YOU GUYS SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF

YOU LET A SICK LADY AND A CHILD RISK THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT SOME PUNKS.

AND YOU'RE JUST STANDING BY.

.....

BUT, I'M CHAINED

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, YOU CAN UNCHAIN YOUR-SELF.

STILL, WITH ONLY 3 OF US, T DOESNT LOOK PROMISING.

THERE MUST BE OTHER DOGS WHO CAN HELP

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!

WHAT ARE YOU, A PUSSY-CAT?

GO JUMP IN THE LAKE!

WH...? WHAT ...

HOOK YOU'RE GOING. AREN'T YOU?

I MUST AVENGE MY BROTHER'S DEATH.

ALL RIGHT. IT'S DECIDED.

TO CONVINCE THOSE THREE, WE NEED AT LEAST 10 OTHERS. CAN YOU BRING THEM?

I'M NOT SURE.. I HAVE A FEW FRIENDS I'VE MET ON WALKS.

I'M NOT SURE THEY WOULD COME TO A FIGHT.

IF YOU TELL THEM IT'S A FIGHT. NOBODY WILL COME.

RECRUIT THEM BY SAYING "WE HAVE DOGS IN HEAT" OR SOME THING.

BUT...

IT'S UP TO YOU TO BRING THE CAVALRY I'LL GO AHEAD TO STOP WEED AND JENNA

YOU'D BETTER SHOW UP IF YOU DON'T. YOU'LL HAVE THREE MORE DEATHS TO MOURN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. IT'S A STRANGE WORLD.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEBODY THAT STUPID EXISTS.

STOP, HOOK. ARE YOU GOING TO THROW IT ALL AWAY FOR THAT STRAW?

THERE HAS TO BE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS.

TUG

HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT, IS THAT WHAT LIFE IS ABOUT?

TUG

WHEN MY BROTHER WAS KILLED

I MADE A VOW...

TUG

I'D AVENGE HIM SOMEDAY..

FOR THAT DAY, I MADE MYSELF STRONG..

TUG

NOW'S THE TIME...

I OWE PART OF MY LIFE TO MY BROTHER.

GIVE IT UP, HOOK.

YOU CAN'T BRING YOUR BROTHER BACK FROM THE DEAD!

I WON'T ASK YOU TO COME.

SO DON'T INTERFERE WITH ME

.....

I DON'T WANT.

TO MISS THIS CHANCE AND DIE REGRETTING IT...

NO WAY!

FEH. GIVE ME A BREAK!

IT'S JUST NOT FOR ME...

STRANGE. WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?

I SHOULD HAVE REACHED THEM BY NOW...

BLACK

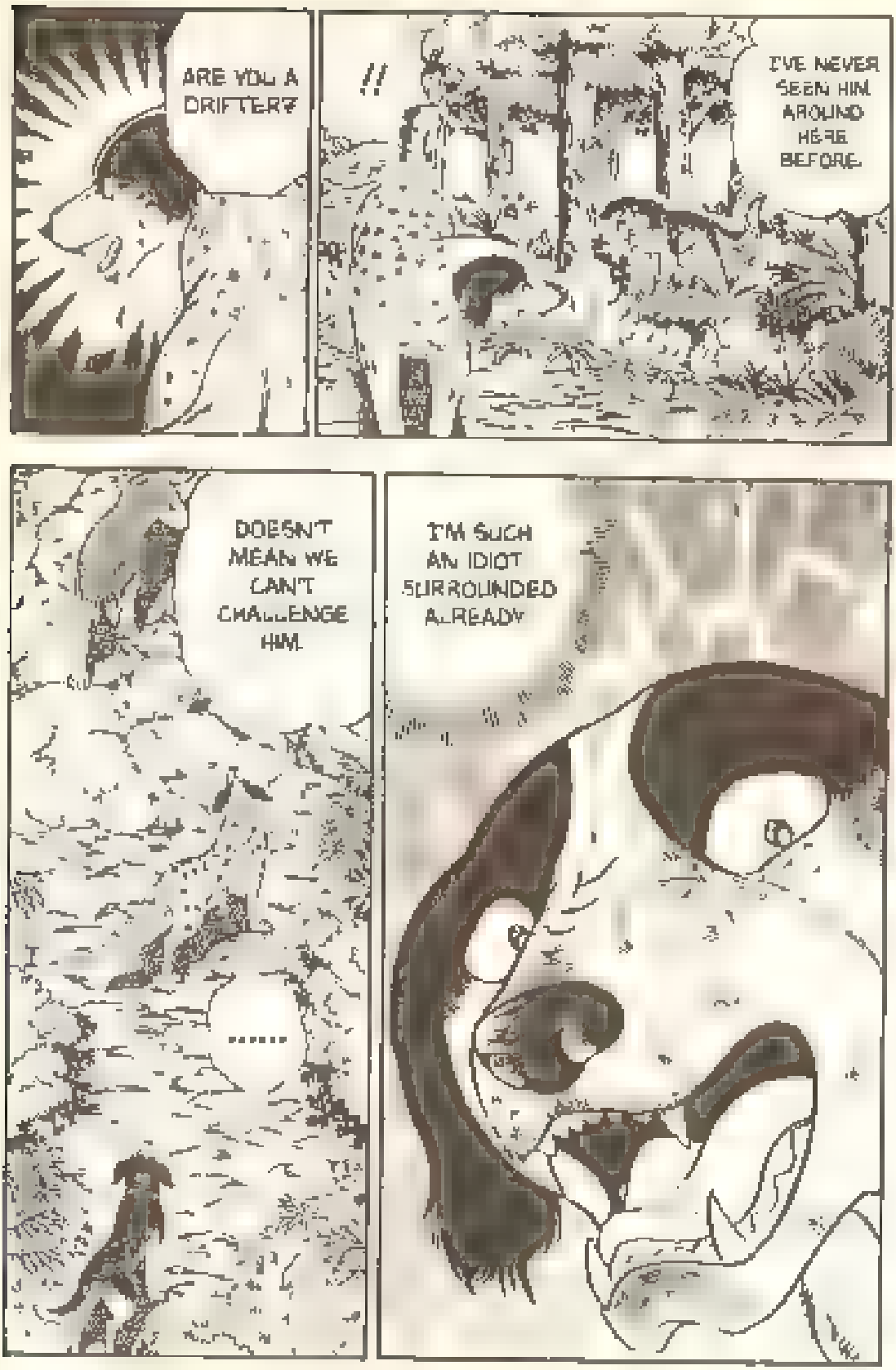
WHERE DID THEY GO? AH!

BLACK

WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

WHO ME? WELL, I...


ARE YOU A DRIFTER?
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I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM AROUND HERE BEFORE.
DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T CHALLENGE HIM.
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I'M SUCH AN IDIOT SURROUNDED ALREADY

THE 9TH STORY —
UNHAPPY REUNION

HA/
DO IT,
ME!

KILL HIM
SO THAT
YOU CAN
LIVE!

KILL OR
BE
KILLED.
THAT'S
OUR LAW.

YIPE!

CRASH

.....

THERE!
ATTACK!

!!

AWOOO!

PITIFUL. JUST PITIFUL.

WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT THIS KID...?

IF I DEFEAT THIS ONE, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE WAITING.

THERE'S NO WAY OUT. I'M LIVE BAIT...

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED

WEED, WHERE DID YOU GO? HE STARTED...

WHA-?

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IS THAT WEED?

IT CAN'T BE. IT'S GB?

MEETING YOU AGAIN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...

OH, THE SHAME

AH.....

WAIT, WEED!

WE MADE A PLAN, BUT IT'S ALL SPOILED NOW.

WE HAVE NO CHANCE AT ALL WEED.

BUT IF I DON'T HURRY MEL'S GONNA.

ROT

!?

GRRRR

GRAHH DASH

!!

.....

ROLL

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ME... YOU'RE MY SON.....

I WON'T STAND FOR IT.

WELL WELL DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO GET KILLED?

NED, WAIT.

I GET IT. YOU'RE MEL'S MOTHER.

WHAT DUMB LUCK!

SO, YOU'RE THE ONE.

HOW DARE YOU CORRUPT AN INNOCENT CHILD'S MIND!

GASP

DON'T BE FUNNY.

SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE THE BAD INFLUENCE.

MEL, IT'S PAYBACK TIME.

DO IT. RIGHT NOW, GO!

DIDN'T YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT.

YOU WOULD KILL THE MOTHER WHO LEFT YOU...

OH, NO....

TAKE YOUR REVENGE NOW!

IF YOU WANNA BE A REAL DOG, SHOW ME YOUR DOGHOOD

WAIT! LENNY WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

SHE RISKED HER LIFE TO GET HERE.

SHUT UP, WHELP.

STAY OUT OF THIS.

NED, BELL, YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF SPOT AND TIGER-STRIPES.

MEL HAS SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.

ALL RIGHT!

WHAT?

HEY! MEL

I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER, BUT YOU DO— DON'T YOU DARE!

THAT'S YOUR MOTHER.

YEE!

WAIT A MINUTE, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

MEL, THAT'S YOUR MOTHER...

IF YOU DON'T LOVE HER, WHO WILL?

WHAT?

UNGH!

WHOOSH

WHAT THE..!?

THIS ISN'T RIGHT ...

NO MORE JOKING AROUND.

WE'VE BEEN EASY ON YOU 'CAUSE YOU'RE SMA....BUT I'M GONNA KILL YOU NOW...

HOLY.../ WEED/

GB... BEAR UP

CHOMP

HEY, IT HURTS/

WAIT A MINUTE..

!?

WHOOSH

.....

THUD

WENCH/

I'LL SHOW YOU...

BELL, WRONG ONE!

BUT...

SHE'S MEL'S. NO MATTER WHAT, MEL IS THE ONE WHO KILLS HER

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MEL?

WELL?

WHAT DO YOU SAY, MEL?

I'LL DO IT.

I'LL KILL HER...

.....

FINE... IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. KILL ME.

BUT I WON'T GET KILLED FOR NOTHING.

I MUST FINISH MY DUTY FOR HAVING BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD.

THIS IS MY LAST DUTY AS YOUR MOTHER. ARE YOU READY?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LENNY?

A MOTHER KILLING HER OWN CHILD? IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!

THIS ISN'T FUNNY AT ALL. THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE.

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

HOW SHAMEFUL TO SEE YOU HANGING OUT WITH FOOLS..

I OWE THE WORLD AN APOLOGY FOR HAVING YOU.

....

"FOOLS?" IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL THE ONES WHO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILD?

YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW COLD YOUR MOTHER'S HEART IS.

GHGH GH...

GKKK

GKKK

MEL..

SHUT UP!

IT WAS YOU! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!

STOP IT! YOU FOOLS!

ZOINKS

MY MERCIFUL ATTITUDE WITH YOU HAS CAUSED THIS MESS....

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH?

SHUT UP, DOLT/

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FOOL US?

JUST LISTEN, YOU BASTARDS/

OR YOU'LL REGRET IT/

MY BOSS IS GIN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF OHU...

FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I WAS HIDING MY IDENTITY, BUT NOW...

.....

OHU'S THE LEGENDARY DOG WHO KILLED THAT GIANT BEAR, RED HELMET.

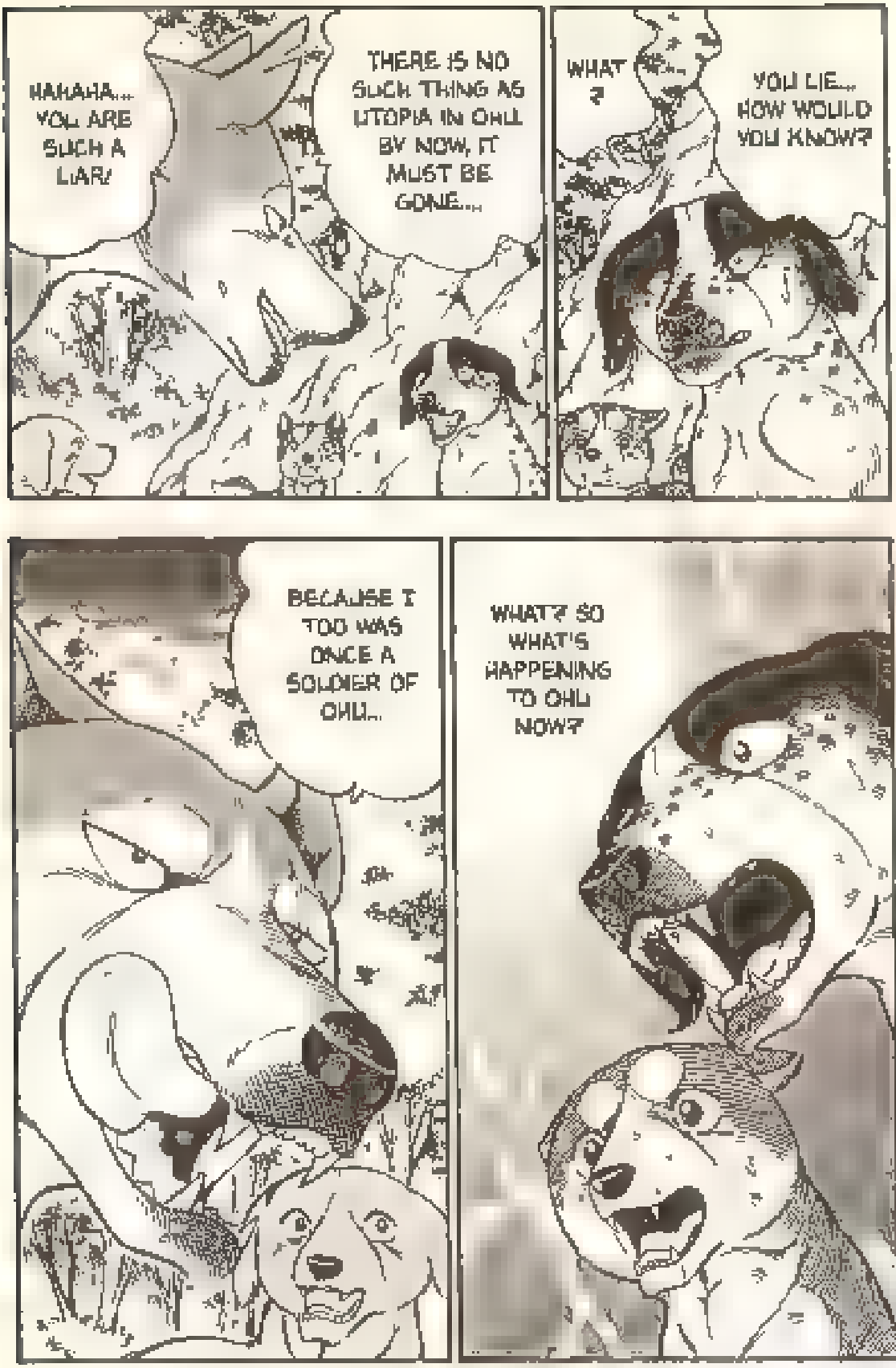
LISTEN ALL OF YOU/ IF YOU START A FIGHT WITH ME...

YOU'LL BE FIGHTING AN OKUBAN COMMANDER/

WHY, DOES THIS SHOCK YOU?

I'M WILLING TO FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.

WE CAN ALL GO TO UTOPIA IN OHU RIGHT NOW, TOGETHER/


HAHAHA... YOU ARE SUCH A LIAR!
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS UTOPIA IN OHLL BY NOW, IT MUST BE GONE...
WHAT ?
YOU LIE... HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE I TOO WAS ONCE A SOLDIER OF OHLL...
WHAT? SO WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OHLL NOW?

10TH STORY —
STRUCTION OF UTOPIA

OKA MOUN-TAINS

WOW

WHOOSH

RRROOM

PANT

PANT

PANT

RRROOM

RRROOM

SLAM

YIPE

YIPE

THIS WAY....

THEY'RE CLIMBING UP THE SLOPE ON THE RIGHT!

THEY'RE PERSISTENT

WE'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO YOU HUMANS!

WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL, THERE WAS THIS MAN-EATING BEAR...

IT NEVER HIBERNATED. IT ATTACKED SKIERS AND MADE THE SLOPES CLOSE FOR A TIME.

WHAT...? THAT REALLY HAPPENED?

WHAT BECAME OF THE BEAR?

HE WAS KILLED, OF COURSE... BY GOHE TAKEDA, THE HUNTER.

THE HUNTERS WERE AIDED BY THE COURAGE OF GOHE'S BEAR HUNTING DOG, RIKI, AND RIKI'S SON, GIN, A TIGER FUR DOG....

IT WAS AMAZING. THOUSANDS OF DOGS GATHERED AT FUTAGO PASS.

ABOUT HALF OF THE PACK DIED IN BATTLE, BUT THE DOGS NEVER GAVE UP

I'M IMPRESSED. ARE THEY STILL THERE?

YES ...

COMPARED TO THEN, THERE ARE FEWER...

BUT THERE ARE STILL QUITE A FEW DOGS THERE.

I WONDER WHAT BECAME OF THE OTHER DOGS?

THEY FELL PREY TO NEW ENEMIES.

THIS TIME, IT'S THE CREATURE WHO HAS DEFEATED EVERY ANIMA...

HUMANS.

WHAT'S THAT AHEAD?

WATCH OUT!!

VEER

IT'S A DOG!

SLASH

WHAT'S WRONG, DAISUKE?

DID WE RUN OVER HER?

NO...THIS ISN'T AN ACCIDENT

HE'S BEEN SHOT WITH A RIFLE.

IS WHAT MY FATHER TOLD ME TRUE?

GIN'S BEEN OUT OF CONTROL ...

HERE'S ONE, TOO

AND ANOTHER ONE-- THERE!

I'M SCARED.

QUICK, LET'S GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS UTOPIA FOR DOGS, YOU FOOL.

STOP LYING!

ARE THESE MY FATHER'S COMRADES?

THE WARRIORS OF OHU ARE JUST A BUNCH OF MOGRELS!?

IT CAN'T BE... HE'S WRONG.

THE DOGS OF THE LEGEND AREN'T LIKE THESE GOONS...

YOU'RE ONE TO CALL ME A LIAR...

YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR.

IT'S NOT A LIE.

LOOK AT THIS KID. HE'S THE SON OF THE BOSS OF OHU, GIN.

WHAT!?

INDEED. HE LOOKS LIKE HIM, BUT SO WHAT?

THIS IS THE COUNTRY OF SANGA, NOT OHU!

GIN HAS NO AUTHORITY HERE!

GASP!

!?

PAD PAD

STOP.. IF YOU FOUGHT AT OHU, WE CAN REACH A DEAL.

WE... WE ARE COMRADES. LET'S STOP FIGHTING.

DASH

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK.

I'LL PULL YOUR TONGUE OUT!

WHACK

WEED, YOU ESCAPE!

WE'LL MANAGE HERE!

I CAME TO SAVE ME...

...NOT TO LEAVE.

YOU'RE AN ANNOYING WHELP!

MEL! I WON'T LET ANYBODY HURT YOU!

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET REVENGE FOR ALL THOSE YEARS.

MEL, DON'T YOU TRUST YOUR OWN MOTHER?

WHY DO YOU TRUST THESE CROOKS?

THEY'RE NOT CROOKS...

BLUE, NED AND BELL-- THEY ALL LOOKED AFTER ME!

MEL...

YOU'VE PAID THEM YOUR DEBT!

!!

OH NO!

.....

DON'T CALL ME LIKE YOU'RE MY FRIEND!

I'LL KILL YOU...

ME.....

HOW CAN YOU BE SO HATEFUL TO YOUR OWN MOTHER?

MEL, THINK ABOUT IT!

SHOW US WHO YOU REALLY ARE!

WHOOM

YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER.

BROOT

YOU HAVE TO!

YOU BRAT

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T LEAVE.

MY MOM'S GONE.

SHE AND I WILL NEVER BE TOGETHER AGAIN.

LET'S GO HOME MEL...

ORAK

LET'S GO BACK TO OUR HOME. IT CAN BE LIKE OLD TIMES...

ORAK

.....

YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING ...

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?

NO MATTER HOW SPOILED YOU ARE, NO MATTER HOW SELFISH YOU ARE...

YOU ARE MY BABY. I WON'T LET YOU GO. WE'LL BE TOGETHER UNTIL WE DIE...

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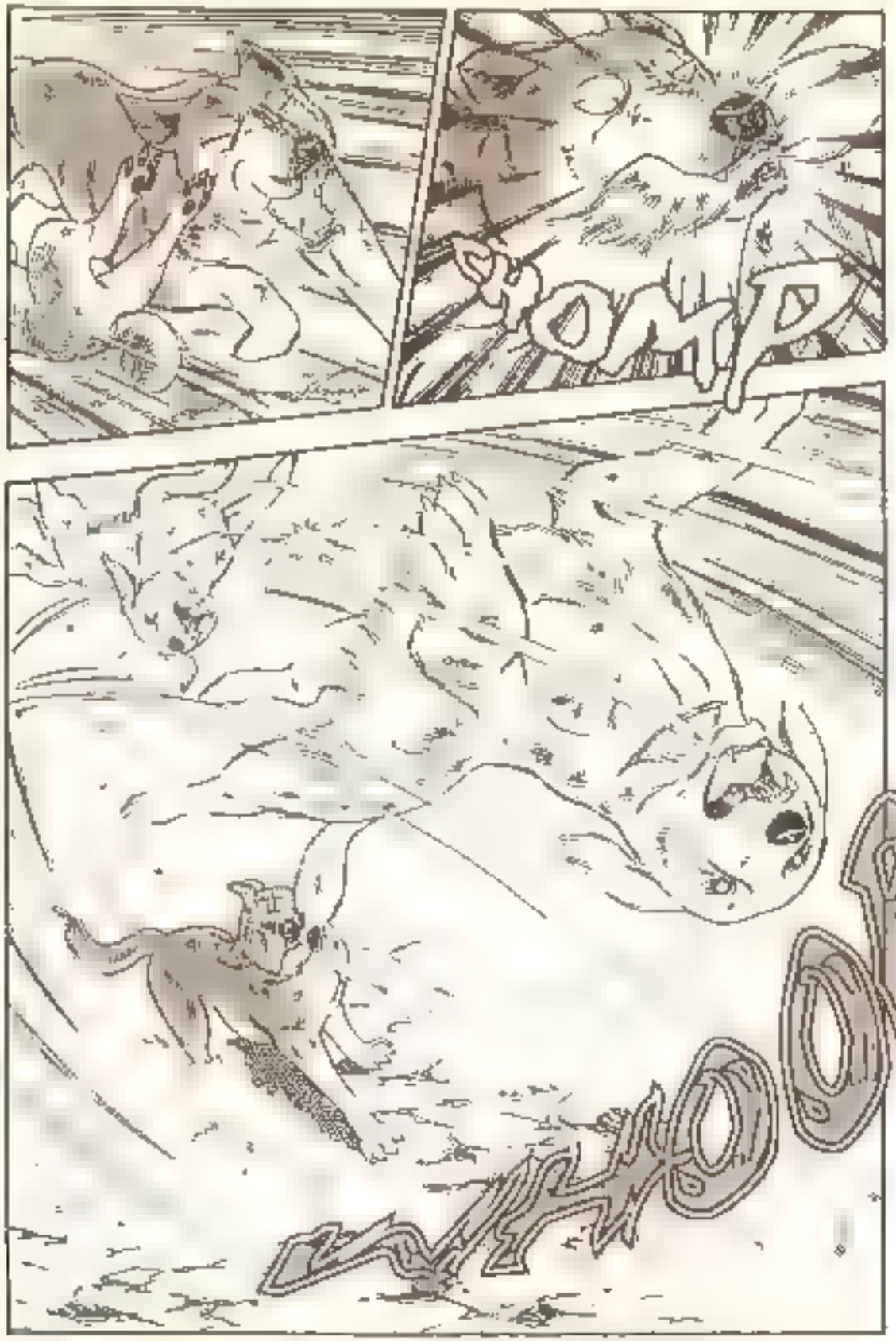
STOMP
GRRR

BAM
YELP!
ARGH
.....
!!
SHAKE
ME... THIS IS IT... FINISH HER OFF GET REVENGE!
COME ON! SHOW SOME GUTS!
IN OUR WORLD, KILLING YOUR OWN MOTHER MAKES YOUR REPUTATION.
.....

.....

WHAT'S WRONG? COWARD!

NO, NO... I'VE KNOWN ME! TO BE A TRUE DOG, A DOG OF ACTION.

AAGH

KKKK ...

DON'T INTERFERE!

ME, THINK IT OVER YOUR MOTHER ISN'T YOUR ENEMY.

IT WAS THAT MAN!

ME, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

LET HER GO, JERK...

SNAP

.....

GRUMBLE

MEL, COME ON... DO IT!!

I SAID, DO IT!

RRR

RRRRRR

RRR

MOTHER, CAN WE LIVE TOGETHER, FOREVER?

OF COURSE... YOU ARE MY TREASURE ...

REALLY...? UNTIL WE DIE...?

YES, ALWAYS ...

GRUMF

RRRRRRRRR

SHOW

AT LAST. NOW MEL IS MINE....

HE'LL SERVE ME 'TIL THE DAY HE DIES...

SHOVED

WHAT!?

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, BRAT?!

KHOOSH

FUSH

I CHOOSE MY MOTHER OVER YOU...

DON'T YOU EVER TOUCH HER AGAIN.

MEL...

MEL...

OH... MEL...

YOU'RE FORGETTING THE DEBT OF GRATITUDE YOU OWE US.

TRAITOR. I'LL KILL YOU. I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU.

EH!

NOT IF WE KILL YOU FIRST!

WHAT!?

ZZHOOM!

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

OH WOW!

WHO THE BLAZES ARE YOU?

IS THAT HOOK?
YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE, BUDDY...
HOOK ...?
IT CAN'T BE...
DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT, BLUE.
I SURE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU!
BLACKOUT